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Arab terrorists attack bus; women killed in shootout

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Two Israeli women were killed in a terrorist attack on a crowded city bus here last Thursday, in the most serious security incident in several months.

But a potentially far greater loss of life was averted, as a result of the bus driver's resourcefulness.

Two of the three heavily armed Palestinian attackers were killed as they tried to flee the scene by car and break through a roadblock on their way to the West Bank. They had been chased off the bus by the driver and passengers.

One of the slain Israelis was a passenger shot on the bus. The other was a motorist forced at gunpoint to drive the fleeing terrorists away from the scene of the attack in her own car.

The motorist, Jeanette Kadosh, was killed along with the terrorists during a clash with soldiers at a roadblock set up near the southern exit from the city on the way to Bethlehem.

Israeli army officials claimed Kadosh, a 39-year-old mother of four, was shot first by gunfire from the Palestinians and then by Israeli border police. The army said it was unclear whose shooting caused her death.

The slain bus passenger, 42-year-old Ella Haikman, was seriously injured by a gunshot wound to her head and died later in the day from her wounds. The driver and a third terrorist were lightly wounded.

Israeli officials, as well as the Damascus-based Radio Al Kuds, said the attack was perpetrated by militants associated with the Islamic fundamentalist Hamas movement.

The attack coincided with reports that Palestinian negotiators in Washington were deeply disappointed with an American draft of proposals presented at the end of the 10th round of bilateral talks with Israel.

The incident began close to 7 a.m., when three Arab terrorists boarded the No. 25 bus on the Jerusalem-Nablus road, near the French Hill neighborhood and close to police national headquarters.

The last to ascend the bus, which was crowded with 80 passengers, suddenly opened a bag he was carrying. Much to the dismay of the driver, the man pulled out a rifle and aimed it at the passengers.

The driver, Dudi Yom-Tov, stopped the bus, jumped out of his seat and scuffled with the passenger, trying to take hold of his M-16 rifle.

"I acted on instincts," he later told journalists at his hospital bed. "He could have butchered us all."

The attacker managed to fire a few shots, slightly wounding the driver in the upper leg, fatally shooting Haikman and also wounding one of his partners, a Gaza resident.

As passengers rushed to aid the bus driver, the attacker fled the scene along with one of his two partners; taking over at gunpoint the car driven by Kadosh, a draftsman in an architect's office who was on her way to work.

With Kadosh driving the car at gunpoint, the three rushed in toward the southern end of Jerusalem, dropping an explosive charge on Eshkol Boulevard, a major traffic artery in the capital. That charge was later dismantled by police sappers.

Border police stationed on the road leading out of the city were notified of the approaching car and spotted it approaching the barrier with a woman driving and a young man seated beside her.

Before the border police could signal the car to stop, the young man threw a hand grenade in their direction. The soldiers fired at the car, killing the two terrorists.

Police insisted Thursday that Kadosh was shot first by the terrorists before they were killed themselves.

The third terrorist, hospitalized at the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center in Ein Kerem, was put under heavy guard. Bullets and explosives were found in his bags and clothes.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, in Paris on a state visit, condemned the attack.

"Beyond the citizens of Israel, those terrorists aim in fact at the peace process. We will be undeterred. The peace process will go on. It is in our interest and the interest of all the Arab countries in the area," Rabin said.

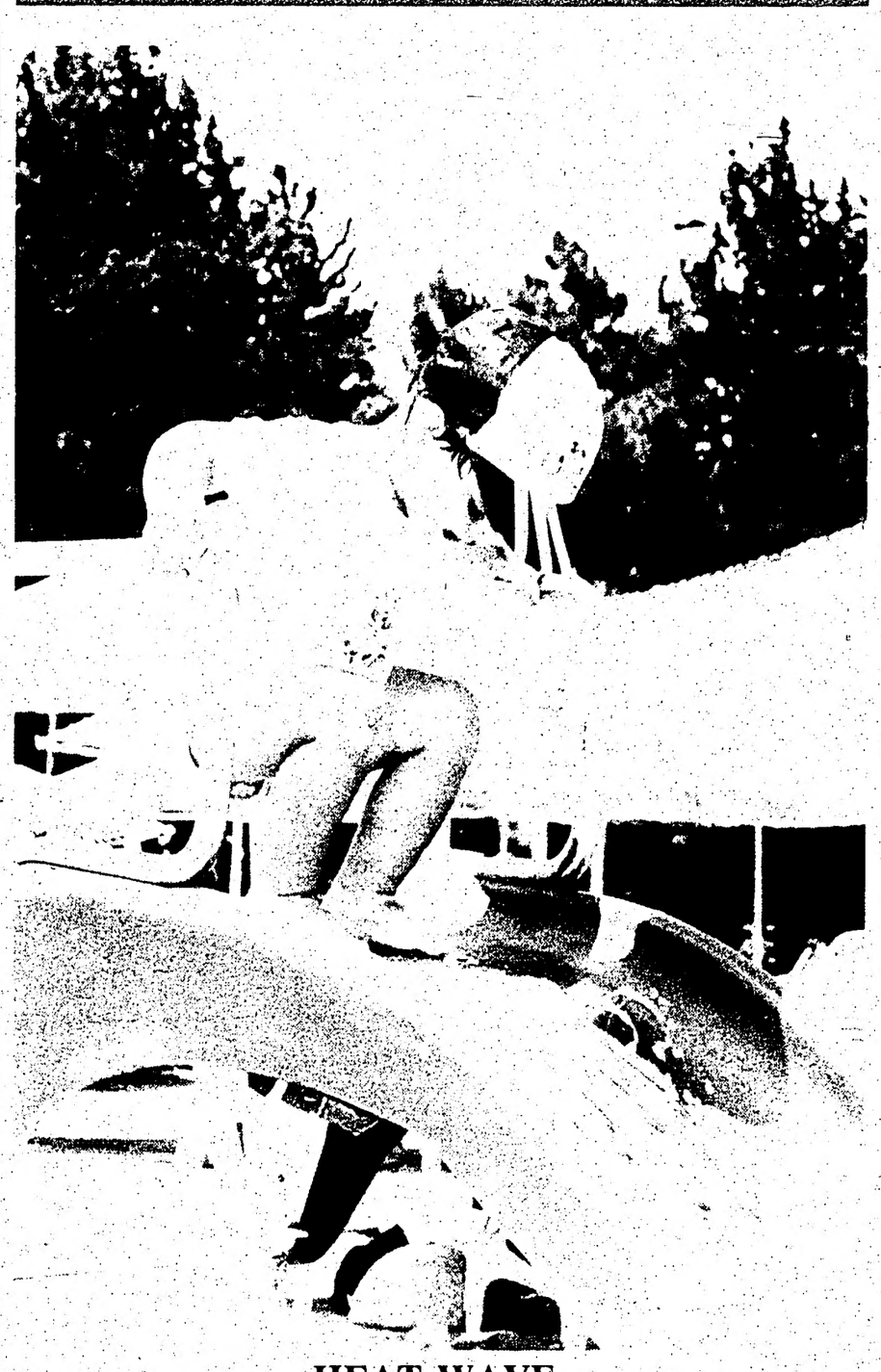
"There is no possibility to contain hermetically terrorism," the prime minister said.

As the attack was reported in the media, tension rose high in Jerusalem. In one incident, an armed Israeli shot and wounded five Arab construction workers, apparently believing they were the terrorists.

The Israel Defence Force chief of staff, Lt. Gen. Ehud Barak, said the terrorists intended to take hostages for bargaining or cause massive casualties with the attack.

Barak, as well as Police Inspector-General Rafi Peled, said that despite the tragic results of the attack, it was a failure for the terrorists, thanks to the courageous conduct of the driver and the border policeman who stopped the terrorists' car.

Lt. Gen. Ehud Barak praises bus driver.



HEAT WAVE

Israel has been in the grip of a heat wave recently with temperatures soaring to 44 degrees in Eilat and 30-plus over the rest of the country. This youngster beats the heat at the Maimadion Water Park in Tel Aviv. [IPPA photo]

Weiner post a part of Cabinet reshuffle

By RON CSILLAG

OTTAWA — Gerry Weiner, who remains the sole Jewish member of Prime Minister Kim Campbell's new slimmed-down cabinet, will keep his responsibilities in multiculturalism and citizenship, at least until his department merges with another.

"There's been no significant change. He's still Minister of Multiculturalism and Citizenship," Neil Drabkin, Weiner's executive assistant, told *The CJN*.

That's just for now, however, Drabkin added.

Campbell's cabinet will undergo a "restructuring," either before or just after the next federal election.

In addition to his current title, Weiner is also Minister Designate of Citizenship, meaning that after the cabinet is rejigged, he will become Minister of Citizenship.

The multiculuralism portfolio will go to Monique Landry, who is now a so-called superminister overseeing the departments of Communications and the Secretary of State, as well as being Minister Designate of Canadian Heritage.

The Canadian Heritage department will be responsible for the federal government's programs in culture, the arts, broadcasting, parks and historic sites, sports and multiculturalism.

After the cabinet is restructured, it will be Landry who will oversee funding and services for Canada's ethno-cultural groups, while Weiner will be responsible for all matters involving citizenship, such as naturalization and some human rights measures.

Drabkin insists that half of Weiner's department will not be swallowed up, but rather "amalgamated" with another. "Everything will remain intact. This [restructuring] has more to do with structure than programs."

His boss will not be demoted, he stressed. "He's still one of 25 men and women who run Canada. And the prime minister wants to make sure that the Jewish community's views are represented at the cabinet table."

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Canada

Israel's future chefs capture culinary awards

By JANIS RAISEN

An enthusiastic group of Israel's future chefs competed against student and apprentice chefs from 18 different countries, including 11 Canadian teams, at the recent Taste of Canada competition held in Toronto.

This event is the only international culinary competition in the world for student and apprentice chefs, including pastry chefs and bakers, according to Karen Krugel, one of the competition co-ordinators.

The week-long event from May 11-18, hosted by George Brown College, attracted the best culinary students from Israel.

The overall winner for the competition was Team Germany which had the highest score for the hot and cold food portion combined.

Although Team Israel didn't win any of the top awards, it received a silver and two bronze medals based on points for its hot food entree and two cold food display dishes.

Their hot meal consisted of tomato soup and a dish of chicken in a finely carved apple with rice and vegetables. Two team members were each awarded a bronze medal for their cold food displays of pastry and individual plates of meat, chicken, fish and vegetables.

Students from 14 culinary schools in Israel competed for a spot on the team, said Chef Ilan Roberg, president of the Israel Chef Association and executive chef of the Nof Ginosar Kibbutz Hotel near Tiberias.

"We had them make small show pieces, stuffed chicken and vegetables," said Roberg. "The food was judged on taste and presentation and we chose the best six."

Team members spent eight months preparing for the Canadian competition.

Vered Malol, 17, who studies cooking once a week at the Hilton in Jerusalem, was the team's relief member. During the hot food competition she was asked if she would be ready to take over.

"I'm little nervous because I haven't practiced as much as the rest, but if someone gets sick I'll take over," she said.

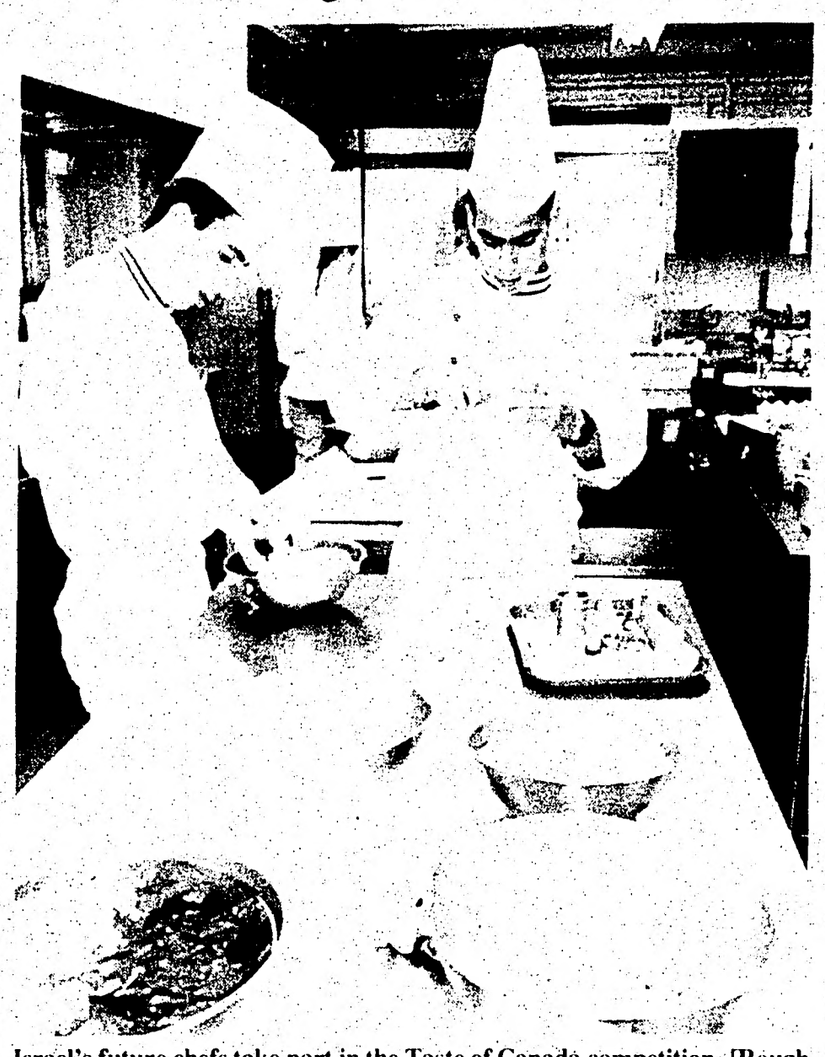
The team had only four hours to cook the hot meal and coaches were forbidden from entering the kitchen.

Chef Meir Reiss, senior instructor in the Culinary Arts Department of Tadmor Hotel School in Herzliya, coached alongside Roberg. While Team Israel was in the kitchen, the two anxiously paced the floor.

"I am like an expecting father," said Roberg. "I have been through it four times so I know how it feels."

Before the competition began, team members said they were nervous, but they didn't appear to be. For most of them this was their first trip outside Israel and they were excited to be in Toronto.

The Israeli coaches worked hard preparing the team for the competition. They taught them advanced cooking techniques which culinary programs in Israeli high schools just don't offer.



Israel's future chefs take part in the Taste of Canada competition. [Rough Layout photo]

"These are high school students who learned general and beginner cooking," said Roberg. "We had to teach them the rest for the competition."

Unlike many of the competitors who have studied advanced cooking, the Israeli team members had to learn those skills in a short time. Reiss taught them how to perform under pressure.

"I gave them lots of work, kept them long hours and had them repeat the same things. That's how they learn."

He said after competing at the Culinary Olympics in Frankfurt he discovered that "all competitions are hard and you always continue to learn until the end."

Twenty-five years ago Reiss began his career by working in a pastry shop before studying culinary arts at Tadmor School. Tadmor was the first school to offer culinary courses and today it has the largest culinary program in Israel.

Much of Roberg's training was in Germany where he spent five years working and studying hotel and restaurant management. He trained in Switzerland for two months and spent three years at the Dan Carmel Hotel in Israel. He also trained at various other hotels throughout Israel.

"It takes many years to become a chef," he said.

Team members said they were proud to represent Israel, and they discovered some things during the competition.

"I didn't know what work was until I came here," said Amit Pery, 20, from Leni School in Netanya. Pery received a bronze medal for his pastry dishes.

Fani Ba'hazov, 18, also from Leni School, was the team captain. She received the other bronze for her six individual plates of meat, fish, chicken and vegetables.

"I learned to prepare a nice plate and I learned to work in the profession and not just as a cook," said Ba'hazov. She said the role of team captain was not easy but she was proud to be part of Team Israel.

Tadmor student Yohai Cohen, 19, said he will know what to expect next time.

"We can learn from other teams and they can learn from us," he said. "I learned the most about presentation and neatness."

Eighteen-year-old Ya'akov Chaim from Onim-Amal in Kfar Saba and Eyal Radi, 19, from Ort Zrifin said the whole experience was new and next time they will be less nervous.

The team was a serious group who loved their work. Their intense concentration while preparing dishes showed their dedication.

While team members and their coaches hoped to place in the top five, Roberg knows the team did their best. He and Reiss have grown fond of the students over the last few months.

"They are like our children," said Roberg. "All that we do with the children regarding the competition is volunteer work. We are doing it, I think, from the heart."

Haligonian receives Bronfman Fellowship

By JOEL JACOBSON

HALIFAX — Daniel Freeman is so active that little grass will ever grow under his feet.

The 16-year-old Haligonian is involved in extracurricular activities, leads services and chants haftorot at Beth Israel Synagogue, tutors in Hebrew, is the metro Halifax-Dartmouth youth program coordinator for Atlantic Jewish Council, leads Atlantic Young Judea, and even plays basketball in a city juvenile league.

Does he take the summer off to relax? No way!

Daniel was recently chosen one of 26 North American teens to receive a 1993 Bronfman Youth Fellowship in Israel for a program that runs July 13 to August 18, 1993. The awards, which include transportation, room and board, travel in Israel and incidentals, are intended to provide a closer understanding of the history and traditions that bind Jews together throughout the world.

"I read about the awards in *The Canadian Jewish News*," said Freeman in an interview. "I didn't think about it very much at first because I was going to Biluim this summer anyway. But then I thought there was a chance I could win a fellowship and luckily I was awarded one."

The fellowships, provided by the Samuel Bronfman Foundation, are given to youth considered to be future leaders in their communities.

"I hope I'll be able to be a more rounded Jew," said Freeman who spent the last several summers at Camp Kadimah. "For example, up till now I've had preconceived notions about Reform and Reconstructionist Jews. I've never had a real experience with them but I think I'll gain a better understanding of other demonstrations of Judaism."

This will be the second trip to Israel for Freeman, who is completing Grade 11 at Queen Elizabeth High School. He attended the March of the Living in 1992. "I hope to learn more about Israel this time."

Freeman is a well-rounded teenager. He chairs the Halifax chapter of Young Scientists of Canada and is on the national board of directors. He spent 10 days in England in May as a senior percussionist with the Halifax Youth Band.

In April, he played the role of Mr. Sourberry in the QEH production of *Oliver*. In September he will be treasurer of the QEH student council, after serving as member of council in 1992-93. He was also secretary of the Liberal party in model parliament.

While in Israel, Freeman and the other teenagers will participate in seminars and meet prominent political and literary figures representing various views on issues facing world Jewry.

The program continues long after the summer, with organized alumni activities including reunions and follow-up seminars throughout the students' college years.

"The dialogue, learning and experience together are tools for the future," said Rabbi Michael Paley of Columbia University and a member of the fellowship faculty. "We encourage the fellows' involvement in Jewish activities and organizations both on campus and in later life."

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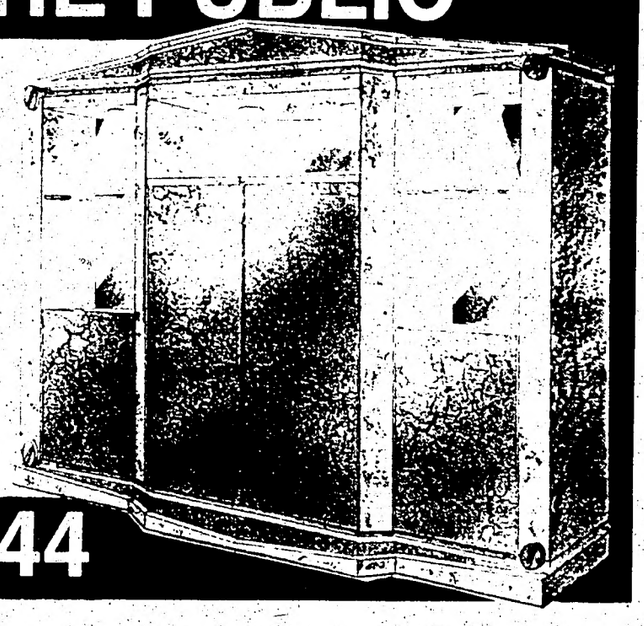

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Reform rabbis back Dalai Lama

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL — The Dalai Lama received a message of support from Reform rabbis in his struggle to free Tibet from Chinese domination during his appearance at the recent annual Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR).

Tenzin Gyatso, the spiritual leader of Tibetan Buddhism and exiled head of state since his flight to India in 1959, elicited a standing ovation from the over 600 delegates to the convention who came to hear him.

Speaking in English, sometimes searching for the right word with the aid of a translator at his side, the Dalai Lama spoke gently of mankind's need for a spiritual dimension to their lives. "Don't be a slave to money," he said.

He spoke of a visit to the site of the former death camp of Auschwitz in Poland as an event that shocked even someone like himself who has witnessed brutal repression and made him rethink to what depths hatred can lead people.

He was particularly touched by the sight of small, patched shoes among a mound of footwear discarded by the doomed because these told him they had been worn by a poor child. Just before coming to Montreal, he had also visited the new Holocaust Museum in Washington.

He thanked the Jewish people for the support he has received from them and praised Jews as an example to his own people of how one can successfully maintain their culture in exile.

When asked, he said he would like to visit Jerusalem and participate in a religious experience there as he has around the world alongside people of many different faiths. He has been hampered first by the lack of relations between Israel and India, where he lives. Now, that India does recognize Israel, he is hesitant because Israel has resumed ties with China.

Dressed in a gold-trimmed crimson robe, the Dalai Lama entered the hall at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel broadly smiling and shaking hands as he walked up the aisle, shadowed closely by a dozen visible security agents.

Rabbi Joseph Glaser of New York City introduced the Dalai Lama as "a man of tremendous courage and personal power," and praised his success in maintaining his people's faith and culture in spite of "oppression" by China.

He reiterated that the CCAR is on record as supporting "the freedom of Tibet and restoration of its culture."

At its 1990 convention, the CCAR adopted a strongly worded resolution condemning the 1950 Communist Chinese invasion of Tibet and its continued "brutal repression" and "genocidal policy" towards the Tibetans.

It was decided then that the Dalai Lama should be invited to address a future convention. By coincidence, he was in Montreal the same week as the 1993 convention.

Several CCAR members have since taken a close interest in the exiled Tibetan community, Rabbi Glaser said. Rabbi Joel Gore has opened his temple in Manhattan to the community for its activities and devised a shared Tibetan seder at Passover where Jews and Tibetans reflect on their experiences as exiled peoples.

The main theme of the Dalai Lama's address was the power every individual has within himself to face external threats by cultivating an inner spiritual strength.

Material things have their value, but the core of human existence should be the spiritual, he said. Those who place materialism above the quest for spiritual meaning will never find mental peace, he said.

While it is important to remember the past, he cautioned against revenge. "This can only lead to an endless cycle of action and counteraction."

Even as a monk who has been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, he said he recognizes in himself the potential for hatred and the need to constantly defeat it through a search for compassion.

"The first task is to change within ourselves, then we can logically expect some change in others."

He urged Westerners to visit Tibet to see for themselves the plight of the Tibetans under Chinese rule who remain "second-class citizens". About 130,000 Tibetans live outside their homeland today, most of them in India, he said.

A whole generation has been born in exile, but he is satisfied most young Tibetans have preserved their sense of identity.

He noted that ordinary Tibetan Buddhists and the mainly Muslim Chinese native to the area generally live together harmoniously.

Serbian resolution defeated

MONTREAL — A resolution calling on the American government to bomb the Serbians was narrowly defeated at the annual convention of North American Reform rabbis held here recently.

A recount was required by the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR) to determine that the clause, "We call upon the Administration to co-ordinate immediate and appropriate air strikes designed to stop the Serbian aggression," be dropped from a resolution urging American action to halt genocide in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

The first tally had a one-vote margin in favor of retaining the clause, but a plea from a Vietnam veteran may have swayed the delegates. Rabbi David Packman of Oklahoma City, a chaplain in Vietnam, spoke of the inevitable loss of civilian lives in any such attack.

The resolution is the same one being circulated to the major Jewish organizations in the United States to formulate the position of the "organized Jewish community."

Recalling the Holocaust, the resolution states that Jews cannot allow "attempts to commit genocide" to go unopposed. The U.S. government, it says, should assume "its rightful moral responsibility and global leadership" in halting the Serbians' "ethnic cleansing" in the former Yugoslavia.

The resolution also calls for:

•The immediate lifting of the arms embargo to give the Bosnians the means to defend themselves.

•Increased humanitarian aid to civilians.

•More severe international economic and diplomatic sanctions against Serbia.

Elsewhere, the CCAR delegates differed from the rest of the North American Reform movement in resolving to support the commuting of Jonathan Pollard's life sentence to time already served.

Sentence called 'unfair, cruel'

The executive of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the umbrella organization of all Reform synagogues, has taken a position against commutation at this time.

Pollard has served seven years of a life sentence for espionage against the United States for Israel.

The life sentence was handed down "in spite of the government's agreement not to seek such sentence as long as Pollard entered a plea of guilty, such plea depriving him of his fundamental right to trial."

The CCAR calls the sentence "unfair and cruel," far in excess of those given for similar crimes.

The convention also resolved not to hold any regional or national meetings in any state, province or municipality which has a law in effect on or after Jan. 1, 1995 denying gays and lesbians legal protection of their civil rights.

The CCAR, which has openly homosexual men and women among its 1,700 members, is concerned by other jurisdictions following Colorado where an amendment was passed blocking implementation of civil rights protection of lesbians and gays.

A lengthy resolution dealt with the need for the medical profession and government to pay greater head to the specific health needs of women.

"Women are short-changed in many aspects of health care, from research and prevention to treatment, access and education. Addressing these inequities is fundamental to women's rights," the preamble reads.

It supports passage of legislation which "corrects deficiencies" in women's health care and more funding of research in such areas as heart disease, arthritis, infertility, menopause, osteoporosis, eating disorders, chemical dependency and HIV/AIDS as they affect women.

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Direct interfaith dialogue urged

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL — Jews who wish to dialogue with Muslims should go directly to the members of these communities, rather than try to reach them through the religious leadership, a local Muslim spokeswoman said at the annual convention of North American Reform rabbis.

Speaking from her experience in Montreal, Fatima Houda-Pepin was optimistic that dialogue on an inter-community level is possible and tentative steps are already being taken here trilaterally — among Jews, Muslims and Christians.

"But, unfortunately, there is no place for reflection and dialogue between Jews and Muslims [in Montreal]," she said at a session of the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR) meeting, and that's largely due to a lack of effective Muslim leadership.

Houda-Pepin, director of the Maghrebian Centre for Research and Information, said that she has been accused by local Muslim religious leaders of being a "Zionist" for her collaboration with Canadian Jewish Congress in common areas of concern, principally speaking publicly in defence of minority rights and against racism.

Local Muslim leaders also flatly rejected her idea of forming a multi-faith committee to work for peace in Bosnia because she wanted to include Jews.

On the other hand, she believes there are ordinary Montreal Muslims who desire contact with their Jewish fellow citizens. She cited the example of a meeting of Maghrebian businessmen she organized with the city of Montreal. "They asked me why the Sephardi Jews were not present."

The Maghreb comprises Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia. The centre describes itself as a non-profit, non-governmental organization for inter-cultural education devoted to informing the public about the Maghrebian and Muslim communities. It receives subsidies from the Quebec and Canadian governments.

At the theological level, Muslims should have no difficulty dialoguing with Jews because Islam recognizes Judaism, and Christianity, as worthy monotheistic religions, said Houda-Pepin, who is of Berber origin.

Jews and Muslims lived together relatively harmoniously throughout history in the Islamic world, and Jews generally enjoyed the protection of the rulers, she said. Today, they find themselves side by side in the pluralistic society of North America.

She said there is an absence of Muslim scholars here who would be competent to enter into a theological dialogue. The imams at the 12 mosques in Montreal are "financed" by the countries where they are recruited, she charged. They are more like civil servants than religious leaders with a deep knowledge of Islam, she claimed.

"They are not concerned with the real needs of the community or adapting Islam to the Canadian context, but rather in modelling the community's behavior" to their country of origin.

Of course, the Arab-Israeli conflict and the rise of Islamic fundamentalism in the Middle East are obstacles to dialogue here. Jews and Muslims live as "two solitudes" because of the mistrust created by events in the Middle East, she said.

Another problem is that the two communities are not at the same stage of community development. In contrast to the well-established Jewish community, the Muslim only began coming here in significant numbers in the 1960s and does not have the solid community structures. The recently released census data shows that in size, the Muslims are fast gaining on Jews in Canada with a total of 260,000 adherents. About 45,000 Muslims live in Quebec.

Despite these negatives, Houda-Pepin believes it is possible with goodwill and courage to "build a relationship of trust" by working together on common issues as members of minority communities, such as protection of ritual slaughter.

She suggested Muslim and Jewish youth be given an opportunity to get to know each other by working together on things they have in common, such as an interest in the environment.

Rabbi Jordan Pearlson of Toronto, a pioneer in interfaith dialogue in Canada, agreed with Houda-Pepin that the best hope for bilateral dialogue was on the level of shared interests as communities, rather than religious discussion or joint prayer.

The Muslim communities are also diverse, he noted. "You can do with a third or fourth-generation Lebanese Muslim, who is Western-oriented, what you cannot do with a Somalian just arrived in New York."

The experience of the CCAR members around the table were varied. Rabbi Dan Kaplan of Massachusetts reported that an imam had twice spoken at his temple, while Rabbi Marty Weiner of San Francisco said his congregation held a joint religious service with Muslims to pray for Bosnia. In Detroit, a congregation helped collect medical supplies for distribution in Bosnia through the Red Crescent. Others reported they had difficulty contacting their local Muslim communities, or had congregants who thought of all Muslims as terrorists or extremists along the lines of the black-American Nation of Islam.

Vancouver examines bias incidents

By MAURICE LUCOW

VANCOUVER — Vancouver city council has adopted a recommendation from an advisory committee defining "bias-related incidents."

The special advisory committee on race relations defines a bias-related incident as "an act or a threatened or attempted act by any person or group of persons against the person or property of another individual or group which in any way constitutes an expression of hostility toward the victim because of his/her race, religion, sexual orientation, national origin or ethnicity."

The committee said "this includes, but is not limited to threatening phone calls, hate mail, physical or verbal assaults, vandalism, cross burnings, or destruction of religious symbols, and firebombings."

If, says the committee, an incident appears to be bias-related, "it should be investigated as such."

The city's legal department advised council that the definition does not create any problems with respect to civil litigation, Griminal Code enforcement, the Charter of Rights or individual rights.

During discussion of the recommendation, the committee said the definition "may impact upon the police department . . . and a sub-committee has expressed willingness to assist in working out application of the definition."

Studying matter

Up to now, the police defined bias-related incidents as "any incident that occurs because of a prejudice based on racial, ethnic or religious grounds or sexual orientation." The committee said the new wording "enhances the scope of the police definition."

The race relations advisory committee, which has a representative from Canadian Jewish Congress, Pacific region, said it has been studying the matter for the past three years and has looked at models and policies of other American and Canadian cities. "The committee's liaison from the police departments has always been a participant" in these studies.

The committee says that a descriptive definition to replace the definition that has been used by the police, "will assist the police department in compiling statistics of the number of bias-related incidents reported to them. This will assist law enforcement officials in charting the number and location of these incidents so that they will be in a position to discern patterns and anticipate any increases in racial tensions within the city."

Anita Boscariol is chair of the advisory committee.

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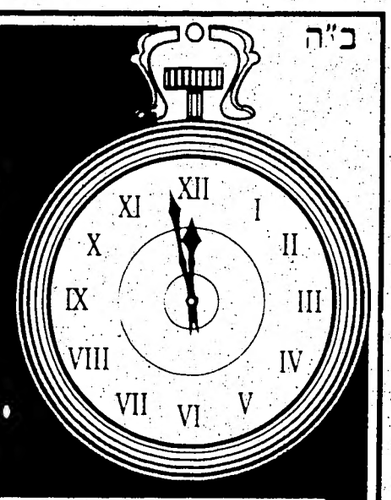
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Homosexual marriages on agenda

By DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL — Should Reform rabbis perform same-sex "commitment ceremonies" for homosexual couples?

It is an issue, acknowledged Toronto Rabbi Elyse Goldstein, that the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR) has yet to take an official position on.

But the fact alone that this subject came up for the first time at an official level at a workshop of the CCAR's recent annual covention here, said Goldstein, who is also chair of CCAR's reform of Jewish practices committee, is an indication that the CCAR is "slowly" moving towards a "reasoned position" on the issue.

Certainly, Rabbi Goldstein suggested at a crowded workshop she moderated, Reform rabbis, herself included, continue to be ambivalent on the subject, with rabbis now basing their decisions to perform such ceremonies on their personal convictions.

When such ceremonies do take place should they be kiddushin, or religiously sanctioned? "Some of us," said Rabbi Goldstein, "will or will not perform such ceremonies only under certain conditions — if it is kiddushin, if it is not kiddushin.

"Some of us are less clear, and I suspect the vast majority of us fall into that great, 'I haven't reached a decision yet. I just don't know what I would do if...' category."

Two rabbis presenting position papers at the workshop, however, made it abundantly clear where they stand.

American Rabbi Ronne Friedman decided to officiate at such ceremonies, he said, as his "intuitive response to what ought to be."

Rabbi Friedman supports full civil rights for lesbian and gay couples, including legal and gay marriages, since "it is difficult to conceive of a cogent argument, free from prejudice, which would justify continued discrimination against gays and lesbians, particularly in the area of family law."

Already, he noted, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC), the Reform movement's largest organization, while not yet taking a position on such ceremonies, passed a 1989 resolution urging congregations to "welcome gay and lesbian Jews to membership as singles, couples and families." The conference "fully endorsed" the view that "all Jews are religiously equal regardless of sexual orientation."

Reform rabbis, he said, "must be prepared to resolve the basic antimony between halachic Judaism and the legislation of our movement on the subject of homosexuality," to decide "whether we accept them as healthy adults who are entitled to the same Jewish 'sacraments' as heterosexual Jews, or whether the traditional taint, toeivah ('abomination') will permit them only conditional limited acceptance.

"Are we unable to eschew those attitudes towards human sexuality in Bible and Talmud which reflect prejudice, limited knowledge, or silly superstition?

"As Reform rabbis, we are free to reject any element of Jewish law which we deem arbitrary, archaic, or incorrect."

Rabbi Michael Stroh, of Temple Har Zion in Toronto, supported full civil rights for homosexuals, and said homosexuals should be welcomed into the Jewish community and into synagogues.

But he will not officiate at commitment cermonies because they tacitly recognize homosexuality as a "norm," or equivalent to, heterosexuality.

While Rabbi Stroh personally did not view homosexuality as a "volitional option," or free choice, "I do not believe that homosexuality is the equivalent to heterosexuality from a Jewish point of view."

Rabbi Stroh said his view is analogous to the one he holds on intermarriage. Although he welcomes inter-faith couples into his congregation and works with with them to make their homes Jewish and to raise their children as Jews, "I do not encourage intermarriage, nor do I regard intermarriage as the equivalent of a Jewish intra-faith marriage.

"As a result, I will not officiate at an intermarriage.

"I will work with homosexual couples to help them create a Jewish home, but I cannot marry them, nor can I officiate at a ceremony of commitment or blessing."

B.C. hate bill welcomed

By MAURICE LUCOW

VANCOUVER — The provincial government's Bill 33, which broadens the scope and protection of the B.C. Human Rights Act against the spread of hate literature, hate symbols and hate materials (*CJN* June 17), has been heartily endorsed by the Affiliation of Multicultural Societies and Service Agencies of B.C. (AMSSA). Canadian Jewish Congress, Pacific region is a member of AMSSA.

AMSSA, an umbrella group representing over 60 multicultural groups in British Columbia, says the government "is demonstrating leadership in tackling one of the most insidious and harmful forms of hate in society — that of hate literature." The president, Riasat Ali Khan, says critics of the bill are "misguided" in claiming it will undermine free speech. "Freedom of expression should not be used as a shield to protect groups such as the Ku Klux Klan, White Aryan Resistance and others promoting hate against minorities," he added.

Khan said the bill represents "a good balance" of the freedom of expression and the protection of minorities. "This is badly needed at a time when hate groups such as White Aryan Resistance, KKK and the Western Guard seem to be growing in size and becoming more active. Hopefully it may prevent the kind of racist violence that is happening in Germany, France and other parts of Europe."

Reacting to criticism of Bill 33 in the Legislature, labor minister Moe Sihota and aboriginal affairs minister Andrew Petter, both lawyers, argued that a 1990 Supreme Court of Canada decision makes clear that the section in the Charter of Rights on free speech gives ample protection to those who claim their right to free speech has been denied by a human rights council.

Bill 33 has been strongly criticized by the B.C. Civil Liberties Association, the B.C. Press Council and by the major daily newspapers. Their objection is that the bill removes a section of the original act covering hate propaganda that expressly covered free speech.

NAME GAME

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr Catzman reports on his research in *The CJN*.

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REICH — SCHACH

Although the literal meaning of Reich is rich in its origin, it is quite different when used as a surname. It is an antonym formed by the first letters of Rofeh Cholim — healer of the sick.

Similarly, Schach, which is the Jewish word for chess is an acronym of Shabbatai Kohen.

Other acronymic surnames are:

Moss — Mocher S'farim — bookseller, and Banak — B'nai K'doshim — children of the martyrs.

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ERENBERG — BRENNER

Miriam Paghis, of Ottawa, has submitted three surnames for consideration.

Erenberg (literally "honor mountain") may be to denote distinction, but more probably derives from the Hebrew name Aharon (Aaron).

Brenner (literally "burner") refers to a distiller. The English word brandy is derived from Brandwein (burnt wine).

Paghis is the third name and it has me stumped. It sounds like an emasculation of the original.

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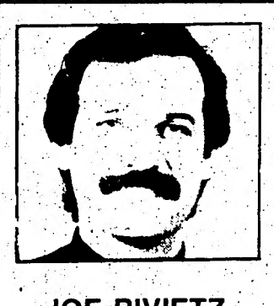

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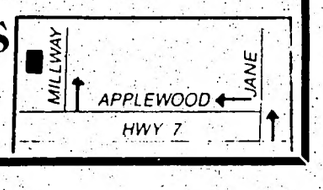

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CJN Exclusive

Aliza Prero Herbst

Aliza Prero Herbst has gained recognition as a spokeswoman for settlers in the territories located outside Israel's pre-1967 borders, known as the Green Line. She is the managing director of the Benjamin Foundation, a non-profit organization formed last year to fund services in the Binyamin area of the territories. Prero Herbst previously worked for Amana, the Settlement Movement of Gush Emunim.

Born in the United States, the daughter of a rabbi, Prero Herbst has a master's degree in social work research and performed as a blues/Top 40 singer in Haight-Ashbury during the early 1970s. The mother of five children, she and her husband Gershon made aliyah in 1979. They live in Ofra, a settlement town on the West Bank.

She spoke with CJN reporter Frances Krafi during a recent visit to Toronto.

CJN: *You're in Canada to raise awareness of the settlers' situation. Is there one aspect on which you're focusing particularly?*

Prero Herbst: I think if I can just get across the feeling of how urgent things are, I'll have a sense of accomplishment.

CJN: *What are the day-to-day aspects of life in the territories? What kind of security measures do you take?*

Prero Herbst: Wherever people live, they get used to the problems almost to the point of not noticing. But the dangers are real — rock throwing, Molotov cocktails or, in the last several years, actual firearms being used against Jews. Although we feel safe in our cars because the windows are reinforced, we're very aware of the dangers.

CJN: *You mention guns being used against Jews, but what about Jewish settlers having guns and using them?*

Prero Herbst: There's very strict gun control in Israel. You have to prove that you need one, either because of your work or because of the place you live. You have to be licensed. Every year you have to prove that the gun is still in your possession and that you're qualified to use it. It's not like in [the United States] where anybody can buy a gun on the spur of the moment and go out and kill somebody.

CJN: *How many people would you say have guns in the territories?*

Prero Herbst: I think there's one in every household.

CJN: *Is there a Jewish underground?*

Prero Herbst: No.

CJN: *Why do you laugh when you say that?*

Prero Herbst: It's a question I get asked a lot, and I think, "Why should anyone believe me?" I can't prove it. I really believe that people were traumatized by the Jewish Underground that was.

I think every society has their fringe element, but I think that the vast majority of people in Israel are law-abiding people.

CJN: *Why did you choose to move outside the Green Line?*

Prero Herbst: What I saw [in the territories] was a nice environment to raise children — a lot of space, a lot of greenery, grass, play equipment, not being in an urban environment where there's a lot of traffic and you have to worry about kids running around outside, a lot of positive, enthusiastic energy.

If we moved to a settled, established neighborhood, [we thought] we would always have the feeling that we were newcomers. We felt that in a new vibrant community, we would be able to contribute more.

CJN: *What is the makeup of Ofra's population?*

Prero Herbst: There are 250 families, about 1,500 people. Most [residents] are native-born Israelis. All in all, olim wouldn't exceed 30 percent.

It's mostly religious, but Ofra is considered one of the more diversified communities religiously.

CJN: *How far from the Green Line is Ofra?*

Prero Herbst: Ofra is about seven miles northwest of Jerusalem. If there's no traffic, it takes about 10 minutes from Ofra to downtown Jerusalem. And we're not the closest community.

CJN: *Is there any interaction between Jewish settlers and Arabs in neighboring villages?*

Prero Herbst: There really isn't any more because of the intifadah. In the beginning, when Ofra was much smaller, there was sort of a cultural exchange. Jews teaching Arabs how to use modern farming equipment, lending them equipment. Little by little, people made friends, and

Arabs would come to bar mitzvahs and weddings in Ofra.

Up until the intifadah there was still an Arab who had a fig orchard in the middle of Ofra. He would come in and tend it and everything was fine.

About 10 years ago the PLO started getting active in our area. From what I understand, there's so much terror that goes on within the Arab community that it became dangerous for Arabs to have contact with us.

CJN: *When you moved to Ofra, did you expect to have contact with Arabs who lived nearby?*

Prero Herbst: I know that for myself and for quite a few others, the hope was that by having interaction with Arabs, both sides would learn that we're just people and maybe do away with some of the hatred.

CJN: *Have the settlers become disillusioned with the idea of overcoming hatred?*

Prero Herbst: I think many people have become disillusioned. I don't think it's lessened our commitment, but I think it's going to be very difficult, if not impossible, for my generation of Israelis to trust Arabs again. I think it'll be very difficult, I hope not impossible, for our children's generation to trust Arabs again. Unless there's some basis for trust, I don't really think there's any future for peace.

CJN: *Have a lot of families left the territories?*

Prero Herbst: Not many to speak of. I know of a few families who have left, but not because of the intifadah or related incidents.

CJN: *Why don't more of them leave?*

Prero Herbst: There's a large percentage of religious Jews who believe that we don't have a right to leave, that the land was given to us in trust by God.

There is also a fairly large segment of the population who believe that to leave means sealing the fate of Israel to have another war, that Judea, Samaria, the Golan and Gaza ensure strategic benefit for Israel.

There's also a psychological element, that the Arabs really want all of Israel. As long as something is given up, there's always the hope held out that if they pressure the world community a little bit more, in the end they can get back into Tel Aviv and Haifa. I believe this has a certain kind of logic that can't be ignored.

CJN: *In what direction do you think Rabin's government is taking Israel?*

Prero Herbst: I think they're taking Israel in a very dangerous direction. I believe that the compromises Rabin is talking about — in the Golan, in Judea and Samaria, in Jerusalem, having an armed Arab police force — can only lead to war.

CJN: *What exactly do you think is wrong with the government's approach?*

Prero Herbst: They're trusting people who have not proven themselves trustworthy.

For Rabin at this point to talk about withdrawing from the Golan, which strategically is crucial in terms of land war, is flawed thinking. With Judea and Samaria, we're talking five minutes from Jerusalem and in some parts 10, 15 minutes from Tel Aviv, five minutes from Kfar Saba. To talk about withdrawal is depending on your enemy to ensure your security.

Another major problem is that the Israeli government is negotiating with a relatively small faction of the enemy.

The Arabs sitting around the table in Washington have to travel with bodyguards for fear of their Arab compatriots who are not happy with their relatively moderate stance.

CJN: *What do you see as a solution?*

Prero Herbst: It's a very complicated, long problem, and the solution will probably also be complicated and long.

The situation in Israel, even since the intifadah started, is actually a fairly decent situation of peace. I won't say it's perfect, but it's certainly one of the more peaceful countries in the world, relatively little crime, almost no crime.

CJN: *What about Arab dissatisfaction?*

Prero Herbst: I think dissatisfaction comes as a direct result of what your expectations are, and I think in this sense we've been very unfair to the Arabs in giving them false hopes. I think that Arabs have to realize that there's a Jewish state, her borders have to be secure, they're not going to change, and that Israel is interested in all of its residents having as high a quality of life as possible, as long as the residents abide by the laws.

CJN: *But there is a measurable difference in the standard of living for Arabs.*

Prero Herbst: That's true, but it's lessening as time goes on.

Take a simple thing like running water. In our area, Jews all have running water, because they moved into the area when running water was available, so they bought homes that had running water. The Arabs lived there before there was running water, so that Israel had to start setting up infrastructures for running water in Arab houses as well.

The fact of the matter is, a high percentage of Arab households also have running water. It doesn't make sense to say fewer Arab households have running water and therefore they're treated unfairly.

CJN: *What plans do settlers have if an Arab police force comes into effect?*

Prero Herbst: Even the most moderate Jews in our area say that they will not stop for Arab policemen, and that, if threatened by policemen, they'll be forced to shoot back.

There was an Arab woman recently, not the type you would consider a terrorist, who jumped a truck driver with a knife. She said that Arabs pressured her to do it. If an Arab policeman, armed, is under the same pressure, maybe his children are being threatened, I think it's not fair to expect him not to bow to that kind of pressure.

CJN: *How did the Benjamin Foundation come about?*

Prero Herbst: The idea has been around a long time. There are many social service needs in our area which are not met by organizations which do meet those needs inside the Green Line.

[Our orientation] is much more humanitarian than political, but it definitely has political undertones. You have 125,000 people living in Judea and Samaria, who were encouraged and in some cases even enticed by the government to move there and invest all their resources in this area. Now the new government is inflicting economic sanctions against them and trying to reduce their morale. These people have a right to financial and moral support.

CJN: *You have encountered negative stereotyping by left wingers painting you as racist and an oppressor of Arabs. How do you respond to it?*

Prero Herbst: First of all, I think that before people can make a judgment about my views, they need to come see what life is like where we live.

As a child of the '60s, I'm still very concerned about civil rights and human rights. I feel that there need to be changes made in how Arabs are treated, for instance, but I don't feel like we can slit our own throats because we want to be nice to the other guy.

Just to give a small example, as long as there's a danger that bombs, weapons and terrorists can be smuggled in, Arabs have to be searched. You have to make it as nice and humane as possible. There's no excuse for being rude or humiliating people, but you have to look out for your own security. And that, I think, is what people see as racist or fascist.

CJN: *Do you think there's been any attempt by Jewish settlers to see the Arabs' point of view?*

Prero Herbst: I think so. I know so on my part. I try and keep in mind all the time what kind of position the Arabs are in, but never losing sight of the fact that my primary goal is survival for my family, survival for the whole family of Jews, survival for the State of Israel. I'm not willing to compromise that because I'm sympathetic for someone else.

Jewish businesswoman heads to Senate

Sen. Erminie Joy Cohen

OTTAWA — Canada has a new Jewish senator in Erminie Joy Cohen, a Saint John, New Brunswick businesswoman named to the upper chamber in a flurry of final appointments made by former Prime Minister Brian Mulroney.

Cohen, 67, will join fellow Jewish senators Jerry Grafstein, Nathan Nurgitz, Mira Spivak, Leo Kolber and Jack Marshall.

Educated at Mount Allison University, Cohen has been dedicated to women's rights. She has served on the Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women, the federal government's Advisory Committee on the Status of Women and New Brunswick's Advisory Committee on the Status of Women.

She is a former member of the board of directors of Hestia House, a shelter for battered women and children; the Women's Resource Centre at Saint John's Hospital.

She is currently New Brunswick co-chair of fundraising for the Muriel McQueen Ferguson Foundation Centre for the Study of Family Violence at the University of New Brunswick.

Cohen is no stranger to Jewish communal activities. She has served as president of the Henrietta Szold chapter of Hadassah-WIZO. In 1975, she was named Women of the Year by State of Israel Bonds.

Just last year, she was honored with the Certificate of Appreciation for service in the community by the United Nations Association.

In 1990, Cohen was appointed by Premier Frank McKenna to the New Brunswick Commission on Canadian Federalism and in 1992 was named by the provincial government as co-chair of New Brunswick's Yes committee. She is also a member of the board and executive committee of the National Capital Commission.

She is married to Edgar Cohen. The couple has three children and one grandchild.

In all, Mulroney named four of the six Jewish senators. Nurgitz was appointed by Joe Clark and Marshall by Pierre Trudeau.

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6.300	137.300	8.41	8.32
4.150	114.350	8.33	8.31
8.480	129.400	8.42	8.32
6.450	127.650	8.41	8.32
2.650	123.000	8.40	8.37
0.700	120.950	8.40	8.37
1.100	111.700	8.49	8.43
0.300	110.500	8.35	8.33
2.650	103.250	8.45	8.39
6.350	106.600	8.31	8.26
1.150	101.750	8.37	8.31
7.900	117.700	8.45	8.43
7.800	128.800	8.45	8.37
1.900	122.900	8.44	8.36
4.000	114.200	8.44	8.42
8.500	99.500	4.34	4.28
8.900	109.100	8.42	8.41
6.950	97.200	8.28	8.25

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Bid Price	Ask Price	Bid Yield	Ask Yield
8.125	108.375	5.83	5.78
1.100	101.350	7.46	7.40
7.050	97.300	8.19	8.15
7.307	117.307	6.12	6.12
7.510	107.510	4.07	4.07
0.563	110.938	4.66	4.51
8.700	109.100	7.61	7.52
3.900	104.150	6.17	5.94
1.970	102.220	5.64	5.11
2.350	112.700	8.16	8.11
7.688	107.938	7.39	7.29
8.550	108.950	7.15	6.99
1.000	101.500	9.32	9.17
1.000	101.500	9.32	9.17
0.940	101.190	9.46	9.39
5.975	106.475	8.28	8.10
1.000	101.500	10.36	10.17
5.000	105.300	7.41	7.32
7.200	107.550	7.44	7.25
8.300	108.800	7.61	7.50
6.600	106.900	7.14	7.03
6.750	117.250	8.31	8.22
8.050	98.300	7.49	7.42
5.903	103.903	6.45	6.45
7.100	97.350	8.81	8.78
3.450	103.750	7.43	7.34
4.750	104.950	8.22	8.19
4.044	104.419	7.69	7.55
6.350	106.600	8.80	8.77
3.950	104.150	6.40	6.24
3.750	104.000	6.25	6.02
0.950	111.450	8.84	8.79
9.000	109.400	7.63	7.54
1.750	112.050	8.17	8.12
0.300	110.650	7.52	7.43
2.259	112.559	8.51	8.46

MANITOBA	10.000	15 May. 01	109.350	110.450	8.90	8.78
MANITOBA	11.000	15 Aug. 00	114.600	114.950	8.27	8.21
MANITOBA	11.250	17 Oct. 00	116.200	116.450	8.28	8.24
MANITOBA	11.500	15 May. 95	108.350	108.850	6.93	6.67
MANITOBA	14.750	15 Mar. 97	108.554	108.554	4.01	4.01
MANITOBA HYDRO	7.250	01 Aug. 93	100.148	100.398	6.34	5.13
MANITOBA HYDRO	8.375	01 Aug. 98	100.138	100.388	7.61	6.73
MANITOBA HYDRO	8.375	17 Dec. 98	100.260	100.260	7.91	7.91
MANITOBA TEL	8.750	01 Mar. 99	101.249	101.249	7.12	7.12
MANITOBA UNIV.	5.500	15 Dec. 95	96.773	97.273	6.89	6.67
N.B. ELECTRIC	5.500	01 Nov. 93	99.821	100.071	5.84	5.27
N.B. ELECTRIC	5.500	15 Jun. 94	97.875	98.250	7.60	7.22
N.B. ELECTRIC	6.000	01 Jan. 96	97.266	97.266	7.16	7.16
N.B. ELECTRIC	6.000	01 Mar. 26	96.005	96.005	7.61	7.61
N.B. ELECTRIC	6.500	01 Oct. 96	98.868	97.368	7.57	7.39
N.B. ELECTRIC	7.875	15 Nov. 96	101.131	101.631	7.06	6.70
N.B. ELECTRIC	8.375	15 Oct. 97	102.204	102.204	7.35	7.35
N.B. ELECTRIC	10.25					
N.B. ELECTRIC	11.00					
N.B. ELECTRIC	11.00					
N.B. ELECTRIC	12.50					
N.B. ELECTRIC	13.25					
N.S. POWER	9.25					
N.S. POWER	9.37					
N.S. POWER	10.00					
N.S. POWER	10.87					
N.S. POWER	11.00					
N.S. POWER	11.25					
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ONTARIO	11.750	25 Apr. 13	127.929	127.929	5.96	5.96
ONTARIO	12.500	04 Apr. 94	107.273	107.273	3.92	3.92
ONTARIO	15.125	01 May. 11	131.881	131.881	5.16	5.16
ONTARIO	15.250	31 Aug. 12	140.264	140.264	5.73	5.73
ONTARIO	15.750	15 Mar. 12	139.717	139.717	5.56	5.56
ONTARIO	17.000	05 Nov. 11	141.629	141.629	5.40	5.40
ONTARIO HYDRO	5.800	31 Mar. 98	100.619	100.619	5.65	5.65
ONTARIO HYDRO	7.250	31 Mar. 98	98.000	98.250	7.75	7.68
ONTARIO HYDRO	7.375	01 Feb. 97	98.809	99.309	7.75	7.59
ONTARIO HYDRO	7.450	31 Mar. 13	98.839	98.839	7.56	7.56
ONTARIO HYDRO	7.500	04 Feb. 96	99.916	100.166	7.52	7.42
ONTARIO HYDRO	7.750	01 Feb. 98	99.371	99.721	7.91	7.82
ONTARIO HYDRO	8.000	15 May. 98	99.350	99.850	8.16	8.04
ONTARIO HYDRO	8.500	01 Mar. 99	101.000	101.500	7.21	6.54
ONTARIO HYDRO	8.500	01 May. 97	102.900	103.150	7.63	7.56
ONTARIO HYDRO	8.500	30 Nov. 98	100.078	100.578	8.35	7.37
ONTARIO HYDRO	8.625	06 Feb. 02	101.000	101.200	8.46	8.42
ONTARIO HYDRO	9.000	16 Apr. 02	103.000	103.200	8.51	8.48
ONTARIO HYDRO	9.000	22 Apr. 96	104.400	104.650	7.30	7.20
ONTARIO HYDRO	9.000	23 Dec. 93	101.810	102.010	5.86	5.52
ONTARIO HYDRO	9.250	01 May. 95	109.038	109.038	4.36	4.36
ONTARIO HYDRO	9.250	06 Jun. 04	102.200	102.700	8.53	8.37
ONTARIO HYDRO	9.375	25 Jan. 05	102.450	102.950	8.72	8.59
ONTARIO HYDRO	9.500	01 Jun. 93	100.160	100.360	4.81	0.00
ONTARIO HYDRO	9.500	05 Oct. 03	103.050	103.550	8.44	8.27

P.E.I.	12.750	12 Dec. 04	118.867	119.017	9.36	9.34
QUEBEC	5.875	01 Mar. 97	99.353	99.353	6.07	6.07
QUEBEC	7.285	25 Mar. 98	93.013	93.263	9.12	9.05
QUEBEC	8.500	01 Apr. 97	102.750	103.000	7.66	7.59
QUEBEC	8.500	10 Feb. 97	102.819	103.069	7.61	7.53
QUEBEC	8.500	15 Dec. 98	101.194	101.694	7.97	7.76
QUEBEC	8.625	01 Dec. 26	108.962	108.962	7.86	7.86
QUEBEC	9.000	02 Sep. 96	104.436	104.686	7.45	7.36
QUEBEC	9.000	08 May. 01	113.406	113.781	6.77	6.71
QUEBEC	9.000	10 Feb. 12	98.773	99.023	9.14	9.11
QUEBEC	9.125	01 Mar. 00	114.894	114.894	6.38	6.38
QUEBEC	9.250	01 Apr. 02	104.300	104.550	8.55	8.51
QUEBEC	9.375	01 Apr. 99	115.549	115.549	6.17	6.17
QUEBEC	9.375	16 Jan. 23	101.100	101.350	9.26	9.24
QUEBEC	9.500	02 Sep. 11	103.016	103.266	9.15	9.13
QUEBEC	10.000	26 Apr. 00	108.650	108.900	8.33	8.28
QUEBEC	10.000	28 Jun. 10	107.221	107.721	9.15	9.10

OTTAWA-CARLTN	10.625	31 May. 09	111.445	111.945		
PEEL REGION	9.250	14 May. 96	104.662	105.162		
PEEL REGION	9.875	30 Oct. 01	107.769	108.269		
PEEL REGION	10.000	19 Jul. 99	108.250	108.750		
PEEL REGION	10.875	06 Mar. 01	113.082	113.582		
SARNIA ONT.	10.375	07 Dec. 94	104.488	104.788		
SOCIETE D'HAB.	8.850	24 Mar. 94	101.811	102.061		
SOCIETE D'HAB.	10.750	20 Oct. 08	113.000	113.250		
ST JOHNS NFLD.	10.750	30 Jul. 96	106.968	107.468		
SUDBURY	9.000	15 Dec. 93	101.432	101.732		
TURTLEFORD SCH	11.500	01 Dec. 94	105.345	105.645		
VANCOUVER B.C.	9.375	17 Jun. 96	105.068	105.568		
VANCOUVER B.C.	10.625	16 Jul. 01	110.000	110.250		
WATERLOO ONT.	10.250	15 Dec. 93	102.214	102.615		
WATERLOO ONT.	10.500	07 Feb. 00	110.432	110.932		
WINNIPEG	8.500	19 May. 03	99.369	99.744		
WINNIPEG	9.375	11 Feb. 13	100.903	101.403		
WINNIPEG	9.750	01 Aug. 96	105.648	106.148		
WINNIPEG	10.000	14 Dec. 09	105.226	105.726		
WINNIPEG	10.250	23 Feb. 98	111.000	111.500		
YORK REGION	7.500	16 Dec. 93	100.831	101.131		
YORK REGION	8.500	16 Dec. 96	101.979	102.479		
YORK REGION	10.750	25 Oct. 95	107.286	107.686		
YORK REGION	11.250	08 Jan. 96	108.661	109.061		
YORK REGION	11.750	17 Apr. 00	116.277	116.777		
YORK REGION	11.875	16 Nov. 00	117.580	118.080		

CORPORATES

Issue	Coupon	Maturity	Bid Price	Ask Price
ARTTIN PRICE	11.500	01 Mar. 95	99.625	100.125
AMOCO CDA PETRO				
4.750		15 Feb. 05	101.617	101.617
AVCO FIN. CORP.	8.500	02 Mar. 98	100.500	101.000
AVCO FIN. CORP.	11.000	17 May. 94	102.919	103.419
B.C. FOREST	11.000	30 Jun. 98	91.400	91.900
B.C. GAS	10.300	30 Sep. 16	109.125	109.625
B.C. TELEPHONE	8.250	01 Mar. 94	100.000	100.500
B.C. TELEPHONE	8.625	15 Oct. 93	100.501	101.001
B.C. TELEPHONE	9.000	01 Oct. 97	102.857	103.357
B.C. TELEPHONE	9.250	15 Apr. 98	103.885	104.385
B.C. TELEPHONE	9.500	12 May. 94	102.419	102.669
B.C. TELEPHONE	9.650	08 Apr. 22	105.750	106.250
B.C. TELEPHONE	9.700	15 Jun. 99	103.517	104.017
B.C. TELEPHONE	9.875	01 Nov. 03	105.128	105.628
B.C. TELEPHONE	10.250	15 Oct. 01	106.077	106.577
B.C. TELEPHONE	10.500	12 Jun. 00	111.250	111.750
B.C. TELEPHONE	10.650	19 Jun. 21	115.125	115.625
B.C. TELEPHONE	11.350	15 Nov. 05	114.671	115.171
B.C. TELEPHONE	11.900	22 Nov. 15	125.625	126.125
B.C. TELEPHONE	12.000	31 May. 10	123.750	124.250
BANK OF MTL	8.850	01 Jun. 03	102.875	103.375
BANK OF MTL	10.600	20 Dec. 98	112.625	113.125
BELL CANADA	7.125	01 May. 98	97.750	98.250
BELL CANADA	7.875	23 Apr. 98	100.159	100.534
BELL CANADA	8.000	10 Mar. 98	100.719	101.094
BELL CANADA	8.500	31 Jan. 97	102.375	102.875
BELL CANADA	9.400	15 Feb. 02	102.819	103.319
BELL CANADA	9.450	01 Mar. 11	102.000	102.500
BELL CANADA	9.650	01 Sep. 09	103.375	103.875
BELL CANADA	9.700	15 Dec. 32	105.875	106.375
BELL CANADA	9.850	15 Oct. 05	104.699	105.199
BELL CANADA	9.875	01 Apr. 99	102.874	103.374
BELL CANADA	10.000	15 Jun. 14	110.250	110.750
BELL CANADA	10.350	15 Dec. 09	110.875	111.375
BELL CANADA	10.375	28 Jun. 96	106.532	106.832
BELL CANADA	10.500	15 Jul. 09	108.875	109.375
BELL CANADA	10.500	15 May. 98	110.375	110.875
BELL CANADA	10.550	15 Feb. 15	109.750	110.250
BELL CANADA	10.625	15 Jul. 99	110.406	110.656
BELL CANADA	10.875	15 Jun. 07	109.750	110.250
BELL CANADA	11.000	15 Oct. 04	108.525	109.025
BELL CANADA	11.000	15 Oct. 11	113.125	113.625
BELL CANADA	11.450	15 Apr. 10	119.500	120.000
BELL CANADA	12.500	16 Oct. 95	111.375	111.875
BELL CANADA	12.650	15 Nov. 03	116.182	116.682
BELL CANADA	13.375	15 Oct. 10	123.962	123.962
BELL CANADA	13.875	01 May. 09	114.292	114.792
BENEFICIAL CDA	9.625	19 Mar. 97	103.743	104.243
BNS	8.100	24 Mar. 03	97.375	97.875
BNS	9.375	03 Feb. 97	104.607	104.933
BNS	10.350	19 Jul. 01	109.750	110.250
BNS	10.750	26 Mar. 01	111.625	112.125
BRAMALEA LTD.	10.200	30 Jun. 99	35.000	40.000
BRAMALEA LTD.	10.500	27 Feb. 98	35.000	40.000
BRAMALEA LTD.	10.500	30 Nov. 99	35.000	40.000
CIL	10.625	15 Jul. 96	100.625	101.125
CIL	12.375	15 Dec. 93	103.500	104.000
CIL	14.500	15 Apr. 96	103.251	104.251
CADILLAC FAIR	9.000	12 Sep. 03	97.168	97.668
CADILLAC FAIR	10.000	28 Feb. 95	102.889	103.139
CADILLAC FAIR	11.250	01 May. 07	105.900	106.150
CADILLAC FAIR	11.250	28 Feb. 95	99.000	102.000
CALFORD PROP.	10.375	01 Feb. 98	99.999	100.499
CAN CEMENT LAFA	9.750	15 Dec. 97	100.625	101.125
CANADA TR. DB.	11.00	31 Oct. 08	97.602	98.102
CANADIAN TIRE	10.400	14 Jan. 00	108.875	109.375
CANADIAN TIRE	12.100	10 May. 10	119.875	120.375
CANRON INC.	9.250	01 Apr. 94	100.085	100.585
CDN NATL RAIL	13.000	15 Nov. 04	106.000	107.000
CDN OCCID PET	8.400	30 Jan. 97	101.063	101.313
CDN OCCID PET	10.850	07 Jun. 01	109.661	110.161
CDN PACIFIC	9.850	18 Aug. 94	102.799	103.299
CDN PACIFIC	10.500	02 Aug. 96	106.000	106.500
CDN PACIFIC	10.500	30 Apr. 01	107.625	108.125
CDN PACIFIC FOR	10.850	30 Nov. 14	91.000	94.000
CDN UTILITIES	9.850	01 Oct. 08	103.625	104.125
CDN UTILITIES	9.920	01 Apr. 22	108.500	109.000
CDN UTILITIES	10.200	30 Nov. 09	109.875	110.375
CDN UTILITIES	10.250	12 Dec. 06	106.460	106.960
CDN UTILITIES	10.400	15 Jul. 99	104.942	105.442
CDN UTILITIES	11.250	15 Sep. 98	113.068	113.568
CDN UTILITIES	11.400	15 Aug. 10	119.750	120.250
CDN UTILITIES	11.770	30 Nov. 20	125.625	126.125
CDN UTILITIES	12.000	15 Jul. 09	118.998	119.498
CDN UTILITIES	12.000	15 Oct. 07	118.750	119.250
CDN UTILITIES	13.100	01 Jun. 94	105.631	106.131
CDN UTILITIES	17.500	15 Mar. 97	109.500	11 '00
CIBC	9.250	15 Feb. 98	101.000	101.500
CIBC	9.400	03 Dec. 01	104.125	104.625
CIBC	9.500	15 Oct. 98	100.750	101.250
CIBC	9.750	02 Jun. 95	100.500	101.000
CIBC	10.375	31 Jan. 09	110.125	110.625
CIBC	11.850	23 Aug. 10	108.750	109.250
CIBC	12.450	01 Dec. 00	120.375	120.875
COMINCO LTD.	10.875	15 Feb. 95	98.000	98.500
CONSM'ERS GAS	9.600	01 Oct. 97	101.000	101.500
CONSM'ERS GAS	10.450	01 May. 99	104.464	104.964
CONSM'ERS GAS	10.600	08 Jul. 12	110.412	110.912
CONSM'ERS GAS	10.800	15 Apr. 11	114.125	114.625
CONSM'ERS GAS	10.875	15 Jul. 05	106.490	106.640
CONSM'ERS GAS	11.375	15 Aug. 94	100.174	100.424
CONSM'ERS GAS	11.950	30 Nov. 10	123.500	124.000
DOFASCO	9.375	15 Feb. 97	95.000	100.000
DOFASCO	10.000	01 Jun. 94	95.000	100.000
DOFASCO	10.375	15 Mar. 96	95.000	100.000
DOFASCO	10.875	15 May. 95	95.000	100.000
DOFASCO	13.500	01 Nov. 00	95.000	100.000
DOMTAR INC	10.000	15 Apr. 11	82.000	84.000
DOMTAR INC	10.250	01 Sep. 06	82.000	84.000
DOMTAR INC	10.850	05 Aug. 17	82.000	84.000
DUPONT	10.500	01 May. 93	99.625	100.125
EATONS CTRE	9.500	01 Feb. 00	101.000	101.500
EATONS CTRE	10.000	01 Apr. 00	101.000	101.500
EATONS CTRE	10.500	30 Jun. 00	108.638	109.138
EATONS CTRE	14.750	15 Jun. 97	109.500	110.500

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Red Cross urged to back MDA

By LEILA SPEISMAN

GENEVA — The Canadian Jewish community must put pressure on the Canadian Red Cross Society to work toward acceptance of the Israeli Magen David Adom as a universally recognized emergency assistance symbol, according to George Weber, Canadian-born acting secretary-general of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

Weber made the remark in a meeting with Canadian Jewish Congress president Irving Abella and general counsel Jack Silverstone in Geneva last month.

Abella and Silverstone were leading the first press mission to Switzerland by Canadian Jewish journalists and editors.

At a press conference following the meeting, Weber explained that the Red Cross organization is composed of three elements: the International Committee of the Red Cross (which is made up entirely of Swiss nationals); the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies; and the national societies.

The Committee, which deals directly with disaster, emergency or conflict situations, including prisoners-of-war, also has the responsibility of recognizing new societies. Once it does that, it recommends to the Federation, which meets in general assembly every two years, that they be admitted.

Even then there might be trouble. Weber pointed out that the Federation includes many countries unsympathetic or completely hostile to Israel. "The outcome of the vote might well depend on an incident that happened in Israel that morning," he said.

To further complicate the issue, the red cross and red crescent are enshrined in the Geneva conventions. To add the Jewish star would require a positive vote by the signatories to those conventions. Again, Weber reminded the press mission, a good number of those states are by no means friendly to Israel or her aspirations.

Societies requesting admission must fulfil 10 criteria, one of which is acceptance of one of the two recognized emergency aid symbols, the red cross or the red crescent. A third symbol, the red lion of Iran, has been in abeyance since the fall of the Shah.

While Israel's Magen David Adom, which functions as the emergency services agency in Israel, fulfils all the other criteria, it refuses to accept either of the two symbols.

Weber noted that the International Red Cross organization, and many national societies, have excellent relations with the Magen David Adom, and in fact, if not in law, do accept it as the emergency agency of Israel. The Magen David Adom has observer status at most Red Cross activities.

Weber said that the red cross was adopted as the universal symbol of aid out of respect to the Swiss who founded it (the red cross on a white background is the reverse of the Swiss flag, which is a white cross on a red background). He denied categorically that there was any Christian symbolism in it whatsoever.

However, when Muslim countries joined the Federation, they refused to accept the red cross, and were allowed to use their symbol, the red crescent, instead.

When asked why Israel could not do the same, Weber reiterated that the issue is up to the committee and the federation's general assembly to decide.

The American Red Cross has proposed a third, universal symbol, either instead of the cross and crescent, or alongside of it.

The Red Cross, while considering this solution worthy of consideration, says that it is concerned about a proliferation of assistance symbols, particularly in a war or disaster situation, where combatants could become confused by unfamiliar emergency emblems, thus putting personnel in danger.

Nevertheless, the organization is considering a universal symbol to deal with "difficult" or "special" countries, such as certain African states which have both Christian and Muslim populations and have so far not accepted only one symbol. And, of course, Israel.

Israel has no desire to be considered either difficult or special, and the Magen David Adom insists that its own symbol be given equal recognition with the cross and crescent, Abella told *The CJN*.

That is the position that CJC endorses as well, Abella said.

"It is an insult to Israel to be categorized as a 'difficult' country. The magen David is an important symbol in itself — six million died with the Jewish symbol on their arm."

Weber, who says he is sympathetic to Israel's position, said that the only way to resolve the issue is for the various national societies to lobby the Federation and especially the ICRC to change its mind.

The Canadian Red Cross Society, while it has also expressed sympathy, has not done much actively to support Magen David Adom in its efforts to achieve recognition. Abella said that CJC plans to meet Canadian officials to enlist their more active help, especially in light of the American Red Cross decision to undertake a high-profile campaign in the MDA's favor.

A point to consider is that if the Magen David Adom is accepted as a full member, it will not be permissible for it to be a direct receipt of fund raising. Any monies raised would have to be sent to the general coffers of the society.

At press time, the CJC had not yet met with the Canadian Red Cross Society.

Douglas Lindores, Secretary-General of the society, told *The CJN* that the Canadian Red Cross Society holds to the position that the red cross was never intended as a religious symbol.

However, it has noted that the president of the ICRC recognizes that there needs to be a new symbol without any possible religious significance.

Accordingly, he said, the society has passed a resolution urging the re-establishment of the working committee by the Council of Delegates at the October meeting.

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Pollard goes to new prison

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO — Jonathan Pollard's transfer on June 21 from the notorious maximum security prison in Marion, Ill. to a medium security facility in Butner, N.C. is "simply exchanging one hell for another," says his sister Carol Pollard.

"I don't see much difference," a distraught sounding Carol Pollard told *The CJN* in a telephone interview last week just after visiting her brother.

Carol said her brother, who spent over six years of a life sentence in the Marion jail for spying for Israel, is still not allowed open visitors and, for the first time, has cellmates.

Jonathan Pollard spent 23 hours a day in solitary confinement in a basement cell of Marion Prison, the only penitentiary in the United States to come in for criticism from Amnesty International for human rights abuses. He spent the first 14 months of his sentence in a mental institution.

Jonathan is "disoriented, like the Vietnam veterans who were put in isolation" and then released. He is allowed outside and will have a job, possibly in a nearby textile factory, added Carol, founder of Citizens for Justice for Jonathan Pollard.

Despite the shock of new surroundings and people, Jonathan is "in pretty good shape. His spirits are fairly good."

Most of the week following his arrival at the Federal Correctional Institute in Butner was spent in orientation sessions, Carol said. Not much is known about how Jonathan will otherwise spent his days but he will be part of the regular prison population, she added.

Carol said she has not been able to determine why the transfer took place. Asked whether she thinks it was a sign that a lessening or a commutation of Jonathan's sentence is in the works, she said, "I'm not sure what this is."

She stressed however, that pressure on U.S. authorities for Pollard's release should not let up in light of the move to a prison described by his lawyer, Theodore Olsen, as "a nicer environment."

She said she has initiated help from members of the U.S. Congress to get to the bottom of the transfer.

Meanwhile, Pollard's personal rabbi, Avi Weiss, and Harvard law professor Alan Dershowitz have noted that U.S. Supreme Court nominee Ruth Bader Ginsburg was one of two judges on a three-judge Court of Appeals panel who rejected Pollard's appeal of his guilty plea.

Prior to Pollard's transfer, Rabbi Weiss wondered "whether Judge Ginsburg bent over backwards against Jonathan Pollard precisely because she is Jewish."

He urged the U.S. Senate's Judiciary Committee to investigate whether that was the case and if so, "it is inappropriate that she be placed on the country's highest court."

A highly placed Senate source said Pollard's supporters threaten "to shoot themselves in the foot once again" if they pursue knocking Ginsburg, whose nomination is being well-received after months of bad publicity over White House appointments. *With files from JTA*

Israeli soldiers' release sought

NEW YORK — The American Zionist Movement (AZM) has launched a major public campaign to press for the release of four Israeli soldiers missing in action, some for as long as 11 years.

In a full-page advertisement in *The New York Times*, the AZM — a national umbrella organization representing 22 Zionist organizations with one million members — called on Iran, Syria and Lebanon "to use their influence" in bringing about the release of the four members of the Israel Defence Forces.

The advertisement was made possible by contributions from individuals and couples. It appeared just 11 years after the capture of Zachary Baumel, Zvi Feldman and Yehuda Katz. The fourth MIA, Air Force Captain Ron Arad, has been missing for seven years.

"These four young men," the AZM advertisement stated, "were captured in Lebanon. Their whereabouts are unknown. Officially listed as MIA's — missing in action — they have been treated as hostages, denied the basic rights accorded prisoners of war, ransomed from one terrorist group to another.

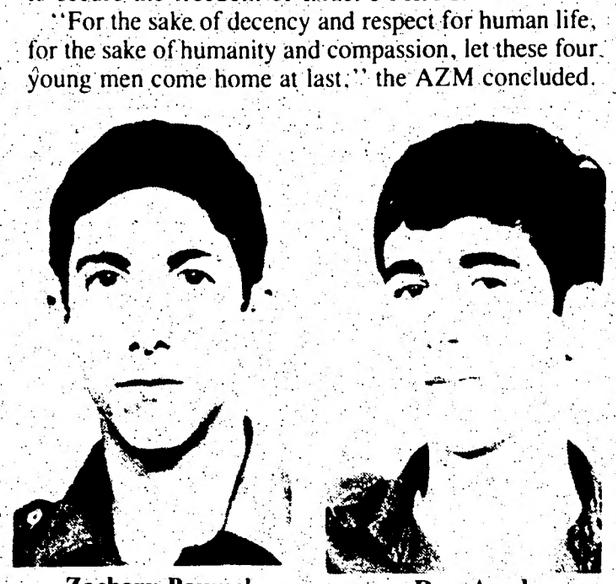
"Ron Arad parachuted from his Phanton jet over Lebanon in October 1986. In 1989 he was handed over by his captors to the Iranian Revolutionary Guards, reportedly in exchange for a large sum of money. Since then silence.

"Zachary Baumel, Zvi Feldman and Yehuda Katz were captured following a tank battle with Syrian forces in Lebanon in June, 1982. Since then, silence."

Noting that while all other Western hostages in Lebanon were freed in 1991, the four Israeli hostages were left behind, the AZM appealed to Syria, Lebanon and Iran to help bring about the release of the Israeli hostages. It also called on Americans to write to their representatives in Washington "urging that every avenue be pursued on their behalf," and called on the President and Secretary of State "to continue their efforts to secure the freedom of Israel's MIA's.

"For the sake of decency and respect for human life, for the sake of humanity and compassion, let these four young men come home at last," the AZM concluded.

Zvi Feldman — Yehuda Katz



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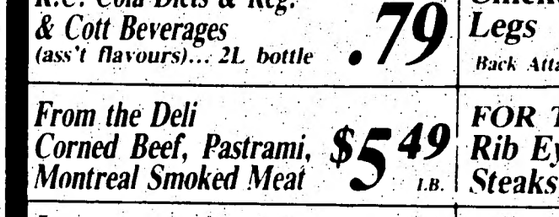

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איך דיסקרימיניר ניט, איך וויל ניט, אַז איינע פֿון מיינע קראַנקהייטן זאָל זיך קענען באַקלאָגן, אַז איך גיב פֿאַרצוג אייניעם בעסער פֿאַרן צווייטן... איך האָב זיי אַלעמען גלייך ליב. הלוואי וואָלטן זיי מיך שוין פֿאַרלאָזט אין גע־גענגען מאָכן שבת פֿאַר זיך ערגעץ אַנדערש... שוין געווג... וויי לאַנג דאַרף מען בלייבן אין איין קערפּער... ס׳איז דאָך ניט יושר־דיק זיך צו באַזעצן און ניט צאַלן דירה געלט, אַזוי אויף הפקר... זיי האָבן זיך שוין געמעגט אָפּטראָגן. נו, ס׳איז שוין אַז אָך און וויי צום געלעכ־טער... אָבער מען מוז דאָך פֿאַרט לאָכן, אַז ניט וואָלט מען דאָך געקענט פֿלאַצן...

די רעזולטאַטן וועגן מיין האַרץ כאַשטעטיקן, אַז די „ענדזשיאָגראַם" פֿון לעצטן יאָנואַר האָט זיך ניט געביטן, דאָס הייסט, אַז איין אַרטעריע איז בלאָקירט, צוויי (2) זיינען האַלב בלאָקירט און איינע איז אָפֿן. מיין קאַרדיאָלאָג איז מיט דער מיינונג, אַז כל זמן איך לייד ניט צו פיל מיט „ענדזשיינאַ" אָטאַקעס אָדער ווייטיקן, דאָס ער מיר אויך זאָל אָנגיין מיט די פֿאַרשיידענע מעדיצינעס פֿאַר מיין האַרץ און בשום אופֿן ניט אַרויסגיין ווען דער וועטער איז שלעכט, כּפּעציעל ווען ס׳איזווינטיק ווען דער וועטער איז פיין, זאָל איך שפּאַצירן וואָס מער, זיך אָפּהיטן וואָס, ווען, וויי אַזוי און וויפיל איך עס איך זאָל רוען און אין אַלגעמיין אָפּהיטן מיין געזונט... אוך אויב איך זאָל ווידער אַמאָל קריגן מיינע „ענדזשיינאַ" אַטאַקעס, וועט מען דאָן ניט דאַרפֿן ברירה און דאַרפן מאַכן די אָפּעראַציע דורך „אַנדזשיאָ־פּלאַסטי" (מיט די באַלאָנען). נו, אויף דער עלטער ווילן זיי, איך זאָל זיך שפּילן מיט באַלאָנען...

וו, לאָמיר רעדן וועגן פֿריילעכערע זאַכן. איך בין געווען ביי מיין נעוראַלאָג לעצטע וואָך און ער איז ייַער צופֿרידן מיט מיין פֿראָגרעס. ער וויל מיך זען יעדע 6 מאָנאַטן, מיין האַרץ ספּעציאַ־ליסט וויל מיך זען יעדע 3 מאָנאַטן... איך בין זייער פֿאָפּולער. אַלע ווילן מיך זען... קומע־דיקע וואָך דאַרף איך זען מיין גאַסטראָ־ענטא־ראָלאָג און איך וואָנדער זיך וויפֿיל ער וועט מיך וועלן זען... אַזוי פֿאָפּולער בין איך. איך וועל נאָך דאַרפן אָנשטעלן אַן אָגענט, וועלכער זאָל אָכטונג געבן אויף אַלע מיינע „אָפּאָינט־מענטס"... די צרה איז, וואָס איך וועל אים דאַרפן באַצאָלן מיט צען (10) פּראָצענט פֿון אַלע מיינע צרות.

א חיך: די עטלעכע אויבנדערמאָנטע פּראָב־לעמען, בין איך אין פֿולן געזונט. און ווי איך האָב אייך שוין פֿריער געשריבן, איך בין נאָך ניט גרייט פֿאַרן מלאָך־המות... איך האָלט אים אין איין זאַגן, „דו רוף מיך ניט... איך וועל דיך רופֿן וען איך וועל זיין גרייט".

אָבער ניט געקוקט אויף אַלע צרות אויף דער וועלט, לופֿט פֿאַרפּעסטיקונג, מלחמות, אַנטי־סעמיטיזם, ראַסיזם א.א.וו., איז פֿאַרט גוט צו לעבן און קענען צולייגן אַ האַנט צום קאָמף קעגן אַלע געפֿאָרן, וואָס באַדראָען דער מענטשהייט.

דער פֿרילינג איז פֿול מיט אַ ני־ לעבן און צופֿרידנקייט, מיט די בעסטע וואונטשן פֿאַר אונדזער אַלעמענס געזונט, און לאָמיר שוין דערלעבן אַ ריכטיקן דויערהאַפֿטן שלום אויף דער גאַנצער וועלט.

Gays, lesbians set to fight Israeli 'ban' on HIV immigrants

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO — Jewish gays and lesbians in Canada are poised to take part in a worldwide campaign against Israel's alleged ban on immigration by people with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

Six Canadians — three from Congregation Keshet Shalom in Toronto, Canada's first gay and lesbian shul, and three representing Yachdav, a Montreal group for gay and lesbian Jews — were in London, England for the recent 13th World Congress of Jewish Gay and Lesbian Organizations.

The congress's board of directors, which includes Keshet Shalom president Howard Goldstein, voted unanimously to oppose Israel's alleged ban on HIV-positive immigrants.

Jewish gays and lesbians around the world may soon be asked to write letters to Knesset members, ministers, Zionist groups and local leaders to reverse what many homosexuals feel is a ban the Jewish state exercises on immigrants who test HIV-positive.

But Goldstein says the letter-writing campaign won't happen until it is determined exactly what Israel's policy is.

"It depends whom you ask," Goldstein told *The CJN* on his return from the congress. "One ministry [in Israel] says the ban is in effect, another says it's in effect but not being enforced and another says there is no ban."

According to Aviad Ivri, the press and information officer at Israel's embassy in Ottawa, "If you have HIV, it would reduce tremendously your chances of getting into Israel.

"If you have AIDS, you would probably be refused," he told *The CJN* recently.

Ivri could not say whether Israel exercises a total ban on HIV immigrants.

Every potential immigrant to the Jewish state must undergo a complete physical examiniation, including a test for HIV, he said.

Sensitive issue

"This is a very sensitive issue. It's a very tricky question."

Israel's health and absorption ministries are looking into the issue, he noted.

Nevertheless, Jewish gays and lesbians are girding for a campaign that would include pressure on Israel's ambassador to Canada, its two consuls-general here and on member agencies of local Jewish federations, Goldstein said.

If Israel is discriminating against HIV-positive immigrants, "it affects all Jews, not just gay and lesbian Jews," he added.

But he conceded that he has not heard of a single case in which an HIV-positive person was refused immigration to Israel.

The congress won the support of the British Medical Association, which stated there is no public rationale for excluding people who are HIV-positive from immigration to any country.

Following the board of directors meeting, Goldstein joined some 250 delegates from around the world for the three-day congress, which examined issues of common concern to Jewish gays and lesbians.

Billed as "a unique bar/bat mitzvah celebration," the 13th annual congress features workshops and speakers on relations with the "straight" Jewish community, Jewish lesbian mothers, "coming out," marking life cycle events and rising neo-Nazism.

Rabbi Marc Blumenthal of Beth Chayim Chadashim Synagogue in Los Angeles, the world's first and oldest homosexual Jewish congregation, led a discussion on the Jewish view of AIDS and HIV.

Delegates traveled from the United States, Russia, Hungary, South Africa, Israel and elsewhere.

While Israel came in for criticism, it also won praise for its policy, announced last February by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, stating there is no reason gays should be discriminated against in the army.

That policy, Goldstein points out, stood in stark contrast to recent developments in the United States, where the armed forces are waging a battle with the White House on gays in the military.

In fact, Goldstein says he came away from the conference with added appreciation for the strides homosexuals have made in Canada, compared to the United States and other parts of the world.

As for being gay and Jewish, conference participants compared experiences, which included varying degrees of acceptance within their communities, Goldstein said.

The News in Brief

Palestinians train for police force

JERUSALEM — A group of 28 Palestinians have left Israel for Jordan to take part in a police training course, in preparation for establishing a Palestinian police force in the territories under an eventual autonomy plan.

The group, which traveled to Amman via the Allenby Ridge, followed another group which arrived earlier.

Until a Palestinian police force is actually created, the recruits are being trained to act as bodyguards for Palestinian leaders in the West Bank and Gaza Strip and to guard Palestinian installation such as Orient House, the eastern Jerusalem headquarters of the Palestinian peace talks delegation.

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Skinhead graffiti on Italian shul

ROME — Anti-Semitic and skinhead graffiti were scrawled on the synagogue in the northern Italian town of Merano Federico Steinhaus, president of the local Jewish community, reported.

Steinhaus said swastikas, the SS insignia and the cross-in-a- circle symbol of New Order, an ultra-rightist youth group associated with skinhead activities, were scrawled near the entrance to the synagogue and also on the walls of a school.

Steinhaus called the incident worrying but said that he did not want to overdramatize it.

There have been isolated incidents in the region of swastikas being scrawled on the walls of village churches whose priests were active in charity activities helping Third World immigrants, Steinhaus said.

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Bird caused Galilee fire

TEL AVIV — A bird was to blame for a major fire in Upper Galilee that destroyed about 1,000 acres of trees and crops, forced the evacuation of Moshav Amirim and burned down the houses and a synagogue.

The fire started June 23 when a large bird of prey apparently landed on high-tension power cables and spread its wings, causing a short circuit between two lines, according to fire and Israel Electric Corp. officials.

The bird was electrocuted and died immediately, falling to the ground in flames and setting fire to tinder-dry leaves and bushes below.

Fanned by a hot Sharav wind, the blaze quickly spread throughout the surrounding forest and field areas.

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Arab's sentence reduced

ATHENS — Greece's High Court of Appeals has reduced by three years the prison sentence of Mohammed Rashid, the Palestinian terrorist convicted of bombing a Pan American airliner in August 1982 over Honolulu in which a 15-year-old Japanese boy was killed. Rashid was convicted during his first trial and sentenced to 18 years' imprisonment.

The court reduced the sentence by three years, citing Rashid's good behavior in prison, and also ruled that he be expelled for life from Greece after he serves his sentence.

Apparently displeased by the court decision, Rashid swore at the court and the Greek justice system in general.

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Pravda issues apology

NEW YORK — The Russian newspaper *Pravda* published an official apology for an anti-Semitic article that was printed in its pages in early May.

Editors ran a retraction on page 2 of statements made in the May 5 article that charged that Jews engage in ritual murders, a trumped-up charge that often led to pogroms in czarist Russia.

The article also linked the murders of three Russian Orthodox priests to the long-standing efforts by American members of the Lubavitch movement to gain the release of their religious texts held at the Lenin Library in Moscow.

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Donkeys price doubles

JERUSALEM — As the army's closure of the territories nears the end of its third month, one sign that Palestinians are suffering economically is that the price of donkeys — now being used to replace cars — has more than doubled in Gaza.

A donkey went for about $80 before the army imposed the closure as a security measure to stem Palestinian attacks on Israelis. Now the donkeys are being sold for about $200.

With the Gaza Strip's economy at an all-time low, donkeys are substituting for trucks and taxis.

The Civil Administration has in the past two months issued a record number of 1,000 licence plates for donkey-led carts.

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Canadian weds prisoner

JERUSALEM — Ami Popper, the Israeli sentenced to life in jail for murdering seven Arabs three years ago in Rishon le-Zion, was married in prison and allowed to spend one night with his bride in a special cell.

Popper's new wife, Sara Goldenberg, is a Canadian activist with the extremist Kach movement who apparently fell in love with Popper when she visited him in jail.

Goldenberg's adoptive parents here are the son and daughter-in-law of the late Rabbi Meir Kahane, the founder of the Kach movement.

Popper, 24, shot into a crowd of Arab laborers in May 1990 in Rishon le-Zion with an assault rifle, killing seven and wounding 10.

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Anti-racist law passed

ROME — The Italian Senate passed a law against racial, ethnic and religious discrimination.

The law, aimed largely at far-right skinheads, foresees prison terms of up to three years for anyone convicted of spreading racial or ethnic hatred or prejudice.

It also provides for a period of community service of up to three months to follow the jail term. This community service would include repair to buildings defaced by racist graffiti.

The law also bans the display of banners bearing the swastika in sports stadiums and includes penalties for anyone publicly expounding or promoting fascism.

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Pinochet visit opposed

JERUSALEM — A group of 28 Knesset members have signed a petition to bar Augusto Pinochet, the former military strongman of Chile, from visiting Israel.

Pinochet, who remains Chile's military chief of staff after being ousted from the presidency in 1990, is rumored to be planning a visit to Israel that would involve an arms deal worth hundreds of millions of dollars.

Some high-level officials in the defence ministry and arms industries are reportedly pressing for the visit. Chile in the past has bought many Israeli weapons.

The protesting Knesset members say they fear a visit by Pinochet, declared an undesirable visitor by most countries except for China, would hurt Israel's international image.

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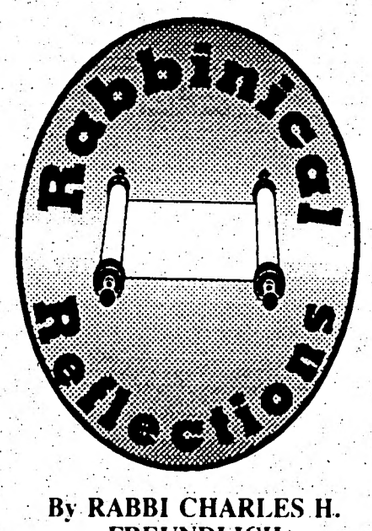

By RABBI CHARLES H. FREUNDLICH

On April 22, the United States Holocaust Museum was dedicated in Washington, before 8,000 people and the leaders of 12 nations including Israel and the United States.

The museum is a magnificent architectural and artistic achievement. Designed by James Freed, a Holocaust survivor, it contains six floors of exhibits — informative, educational and heartrending.

The speakers, Elie Weisel and President Clinton, made mention of the symbolism of the Holocaust and how it related to the tragedy of ethnic cleansing in Yugoslavia. If this monument to man's evil serves to warn us against silence and inaction in the face of evil . . . then the museum has already justified the great cost and expense.

But the establishment of a Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C. raised many questions — some still unresolved. These questions have stirred much controversy about the meaning of the Holocaust to the Jews and to the world.

The editorial page of the *New York Times* the following day answered some of these questions.

First of all, why a Holocaust Museum in Washington? Was not the tragedy a part of the European scene?

The editorial argues that the Holocaust teaches us about the nature of evil and that lesson is necessary today and in America. Also, the United States is a democracy and has been the greatest haven for Holocaust survivors.

In addition, the editorial argues that the world does need a good reminder about the Holocaust. Too many people have forgotten or deny the facts. Some people find the very idea of the enormity of the crime unbelievable.

This great museum in the heart of Washington, D.C., near the Washington Memorial, will teach millions of people about the truths of this unbelievable tragedy.

The editorial then closes with the hope that many more Holocaust museums will be built — perhaps one for the evils of slavery, or Sarajevo, Belfast, Bombay, and Soweto.

The Times editorial was a powerful defence and apology for the museum. Nevertheless, it is deeply flawed.

First of all, there are no plans to establish museums for other persecuted peoples in Washington. Nor has the United States government contributed Washington land to any other American persecuted group not to the blacks who suffered three hundred years of slavery — not to the Sioux and Apache Indians who have suffered genocide — nor do these groups plan to establish museums.

Secondly, would anyone like to see erected in Washington, D.C. 20 additional Holocaust museums to the Armenians, Indians, Biafrans, and every other ethnic group that suffered the scourge of genocide?

Would this not then be the ultimate trivialization of the Jewish Holocaust?

I suspect that the reason why the U.S. government donated the land was that the Jews asked for it and they could raise the $170 million dollars from private contributions to establish a monument, as Weisel said, as a "debt to the dead." The Jewish community throughout the world, and especially the Holocaust survivors have pledged themselves "never to forget," precisely because the world refused to care.

The museum in Washington now places the memory of the Holocaust above the national concerns of the Jews to the level of a universal tragedy. The Holocaust was the world's problem. It was the world's silence from London to Washington from the Vatican to Moscow that allowed this ultimate evil. It is most fitting that, in the heart of the world's most powerful nation, there is a reminder of the depravity of man and the fragility of democracies.

Israeli leaders were critical of the Washington location. They argued that only Jerusalem with its Yad Vashem was an appropriate place.

Was this petty rivalry or sincere criticism?

Others questioned the price tag — 170 million dollars. Doesn't the Jewish community have more important priorities?

And, finally, there is the most fundamental question of the meaning of the Holocaust.

Is the Holocaust a universal concern or a private Jewish tragedy?

Is not the Holocaust a powerful argument that the Jew stands alone and finds strength only in his own homeland in Israel?

Is not the Holocaust a strong case for Jewish separatism — for Jewish isolation — for looking within; rather than for universalism and integration in the Diaspora?

Above all, will the impact of the Holocaust cultivate a psychology of victimization: of being an "object" of history rather than a subject of an independent and creative history?

These questions remain unanswered and will be debated for many years.

In the meantime, we hail the new Holocaust Museum as a great educational institution. We pray that, as long as man acts rationally with his head as well as his heart, "it" will never happen again.

(Rabbi Freundlich is the spiritual leader of Beth Torah Congregation, Toronto.)

Proposal passed to resolve dispute

JERUSALEM (JTA) — As expected, the Zionist General Council has approved by a narrow margin a proposal by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin intended to resolve a sensitive political dispute in the Jewish Agency between the Zionists and the Diaspora fundraising establishment.

By a vote of 74-60, the delegates to the council's annual meeting agreed to a plan that would leave unchanged the system of political appointments of department heads, but only temporarily.

The plan calls for a re-examination of the system with an eye toward restructuring it by the next Zionist Congress in 1997.

Such restructuring is widely understood to mean an erosion in the balance of power between the two factions in favor of the Jewish Agency "fundraisers," who represent the United Israel Appeal and Keren Hayesod.

Rabin was called in as a mediator by representatives of both the Zionist and the fundraising factions.

The dispute centers on the fundraisers' claim that the Jewish Agency's politically appointed department heads are patronage jobs unnecessary to the proper functioning of the agency. They believe the posts should be eliminated.

The Zionists, in turn, claim the fundraisers do not understand Zionism and would turn the Jewish Agency into "just another business" by removing its ideological and democratic underpinnings.

They also claim the change would destroy the delicately balanced partnership between the Zionists and the Diaspora fundraisers that is fundamental to the Jewish Agency by leaving departments in the hands of the non-political director-generals.

The unusual interjection of the prime minister into the matter is what weakened the resistance of many of the Zionists to a call for change, many delegates said.

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Front Line

Rabin government not doing too bad after one year

By YESHAYAHU ANUG

Rabin's government is now a year old and is in effect doing better on a number of internal issues than it manages to get credit for. It has reversed the financial priorities of its predecessors, has obtained the U.S. loan guarantees and has encouraged investments by rescuing bogged down industrial projects from the paralyzing rivalry between various departments. It has restored education to the preferential staus it deserves and has also instituted a more rational housing policy emliminating enormous waste. It now invests heavily in road construction and in other infrastructural projects within "green-line" Israel, which were neglected due to Likud's political preference for rapid growth of settlements in the territories.

Yet, the government's survival in its present form is threatened not only by its uneasy composition, which more than once has brought it to the brink and may do so again — and once more be related to the partnership with Shas, but also by the ups and downs of the peace process and by its internal projection. The Rabin team was elected by a public tired of the previous administration's failures in handling the economy, unemployment and immigration absorption and has somewhat justified the voters' choice as far as these subjects are concerned. But it seems that its future will be determined by success or failure of the peace process.

A different and clearer way to put it: If Rabin could bring about a decisive breakthrough in the peace process, in the months to come, his government's survival and possibly even his re-election in 1996 could probably be secured. The government's fate will be uncertain, maybe even before its four year term is over, if the peace process bogs down for whatever reason.

Yeshayahu Anug

We have had to deal more than once in this column with the government's public conduct of the peace process and accused it of being far too hesitant in presenting to the nation, which deserves and can take clarity, a more realistic picture of what is and what is not available at the peace table and why what is available should be tirelessly pursued. Instead of getting clarity, the public gets garbled old slogans from the government, while the opposition uses the atmosphere of uncertainty to spread the most alarming rumors about the government's alleged readiness to betray Israel's security interests. Huge demonstrations were recently organized jointly by the hard core of the settler community and by the rightist opposition parties and characterized by heavy participation of mobilized schoolchildren with the undisguised purpose of de-legitimizing the government. The government's response was so far limited to the publication of a glossy pamphlet to illustrate its achievements.

The naked truth is that very little of substance has so far happened at the peace conference to justify either crediting or blaming the government. It just has a severe problem of public relations which it does not handle effectively. Rabin himself is no great communicator: his language is rough and he has no media counselors of any standing, only loyal and subdued assistants, eager to please. He runs his cabinet's deliberations authoritatively and impatiently and feels rather uncomforable amongst his ministerial colleagues. He is constantly — and not without good reasons — aware of the propensity of some members to indiscretions to the media and keeps therefore his cards close to his chest. He seems to be much more at ease in the company of the heads of the army — and security services and trusts them and their judgement. Many important decistions were made in this forum and fully reflected the primordial security orientation of the prime minister, who is first and foremost his own defence minister.

At the moment the lingering peace talks are limping along without producing results. This is now due primarily to the inability of the Palestinians to overcome their internal discords and take the autonomy that is offered, instead of pressing for what is unobtainable at this stage, such as, for example the demand to discuss the delicate issue of Jerusalem prematurely and in the context of the transitory period of autonomy where it does not belong. By not taking any risks which could jeopardize the role of the PLO, the Palestinians are shutting the door to progress. Under these circumstances only more pronounced American activism could perhaps revitalize the ailing peace process unwanted by either side, although even this is uncertain. And no Israeli concessions can have a decisive and lasting effect on Palestinian negotiation tactics which are difficult to understand.

The two important new nominations of first-ranking U.S. experts to meaningful positions related to the peace process — the newly appointed ambassador to Israel and that of Dennis Ross — Jim Baker's former assistant — as co-ordinator of the peace talks could mean either of two things: They may be an indication of much stronger American interventionism in the peace process, or a positioning of the best available U.S. team to deal with eventual deadlock in the talks and prevent it from slipping into more dangerous situations. Whatever the intention — the development should be and was indeed welcome in Israeli government circles and by political observers. No other critical issue on the overflowing American agenda and security matters can claim a more prepared team in charge than the Mideastern conflict — or, if you will, than the peace process. As a result of these nominations, Israeli-U.S. relations are likely to be difficult and probably even more intimate but at the same time more demanding on both sides than they were during Rabin's first year in office and as President Clinton was making his first tentative steps on the slippery roads of the Middle East.

There's no kindly pharaoh to welcome today's Josephs

By ARNOLD AGES

If Germany's Helmut Kohl or France's Edouard Balladur had been the officials in charge of Egyptian immigration matters during the reign of that kind pharaoh who befriended Joseph, it is unlikely that Jacob and the 70 souls, who formed the retinue of the Israelite community that settled in Goshen, would have been permitted to stay there.

Why?

Because Jacob and his children and the entire clan came to Egypt because, as the Torah tells us, there was a famine in Canaan. They decided to come to Egypt because they had heard that there was food aplenty in that country. Jacob was, therefore, one of the first "economic immigrants" who emigrated to Egypt hoping to better his economic situation.

Jacob was lucky because of Egypt's prosperous economy and because he had a son who could nudge the levers of power on his behalf and secure not only immigration visas but an entire province in Egypt's northeastern corner — Goshen — where eventually the Israelites multiplied and grew numerous. But that is another story.

Times have changed and the world today, having gone through the years of plenty, is now sinking into the years of scarcity, deprivation and want. The current international recession is causing social havoc, massive unemployment and economic turmoil. Large groups of people from the Third World are determined to find their own Goshens in Europe and North America.

They will not find any open doors to welcome them because there aren't any kindly pharaohs around today. Just recently Germany and France passed legislation which effectively bars economic (or for that matter political refugee) immigrants from obtaining asylum in their precincts. Both countries have moved forward with these harsh measures because both perceived themselves as having become the dumping grounds for millions of the Third World poor.

In addition to these troublesome legal immigrants, both Germany and France have found themselves inundated with illegal immigrants from North Africa who have found menial jobs most Frenchmen and Germans won't do. French newspapers including the *Figaro* and *Le Monde* have estimated the number of "illegals" in France to be between one and three million. It is not an uncommon sight at major French airports to see the gendarmes hustling groups of black and Arab "visitors" back on to the planes which brought them to France.

It is interesting to note that in the case of France a new nationality law has been enacted which is directed at disenfranchising almost a million children born to foreign-born parents. Unlike the United States and most of the western democracies, France has narrowed the citizenship corridor by removing birth as a factor. The conferring of citizenship now becomes a privileged exercise dictated by government discretion.

Those born in France of foreign parents will be able to apply between the ages of 16 and 21 for citizenship but the government reserves the right to deny such an application if the applicant has been found guilty of even minor violations of French law. Being born in France and possessing a French education and culture will not necessarily help a petitioner who asks for citizenship.

This law, which is obviously a sop to Le Pen and other right-wing agitators who have been using the immigration issue as a potent instrument of anti-government policy, is aimed to discourage, if not stop, large scale immigration of Arabs and blacks, legal or illegal.

The new immigration law is also designed to arrest the spread of phony marriages of convenience which were used by immigrants in order to obtain citizenship status. Now the new law will require the foreign born to remain within a marriage for a minimum of two years before a formal application for citizenship can be made. And there is no guarantee that citizenship will be granted.

In Germany, of course, immigrants from Turkey — who form the majority of those who have arrived in that country since the end of World War II — and other areas, have never had the luxury of citizenship even when they were born in the country because German law has specific stipulations about Germanness which are factored into the citizenship equation. That equation left little room for those of non German blood.

The recent legislation introduced by the authorities has now effectively put a stop to Germany's liberal immigration and asylum policies — which, it must be said, were among the most progressive and humanitarian in the world. The new immigration laws are far more Draconian than those in France because they do not deal with definitions of citizenship; that was never the issue. What they do is simply shut the door on future economic and political immigrants.

There is much irony in the German decision to stop immigration. Two days after the law was put into place, ostensibly to neutralize right-wing pressure, neo-Nazi hooligans burned a house in Solingen, resulting in the death of five Turkish inhabitants. This event showed, clearly, as German-Jewish leader Ignatz Bubis said at an Aish Hatorah lecture in Toronto recently, that the issue of neo-Nazism had to be addressed independently of the immigration question.

The decade of the 1930s has been referred to by historians as the "dirty thirties" because of the way in which the democracies of the West succumbed to the virus of isolationism and turned a blind eye to injustice and persecution. The recent developments in immigration policy adopted by France and Germany suggest that this decade may in the future be referred to as the "squalid nineties."

Jewish ads say: if it's kosher it's got to be good

By ALLAN GOULD

One of the most dreadful slurs against the Jewish people is that they "run the world," when most of the Jews that I know can't even run a synagogue board.

Yet, like in all cliches, there is some truth to the Jewish impact in several fields: Nobel Prizes, television writing, comedy, Broadway musicals. And, until recently, when we began to build and run the stores as well, used clothes.

Well, this got me to thinking: What if Jews had written some of the greatest and most famous advertisements in history? And what if they were advertising Jewish subjects, primarily to Jewish audiences?

And I came up with this:

Olam Ha-Ba! Because so much is riding on your mitzvahs!

Tzimmis tastes good, like a Jewish dish should.

Israel: You've come a long way, bubbie.

Things go better with pareve.

You've got the right G-d baby (uh-huh).

Ha-shem. The real thing.

The Mishkan. Expensive. And built to stay that way.

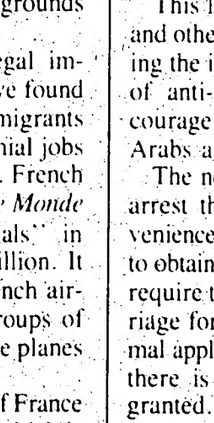
Two out of three rabbis recommend: Davening!

Mmm, mmm, gut, mmm, mmm, gut! That's what bubbie's soup is — mmm, mmm, gut!

Moshe Rabenu. A tribe member since 1500 B.C.E.

Yarmulke. Don't leave home without it.

The Jewish people. It just keeps on going!



Allan Gould

The Jewish people. No people lasts longer!

Absolut menschlichkeit.

Absolut erlichkeit.

Just for the waist of it: Mama's food.

Does she or doesn't she? Only her kosher butcher knows for sure!

How do you spell relief (on Passover)? P-r-u-n-e-s.

Ring around the finger! Ring around the finger! Moskovitz's Dating Service guarantees it!

Don't squeeze the garment. Feinbaum's quality, no-shatnes clothes.

The Jewish people. It takes a licking and keeps on ticking!

Circumcision. It takes a nicking and keeps on ticking!

(Sexy woman's voice) My men wear tallis and tefillin, or they wear nothing at all!

Hebrew free loan. When you care enough to lend the very best!

Pesach at mamma's: I can't believe I ate the whole thing!

Snap, crackle and mom. The Jewish feminist breakfast cereal.

Shabbas. Try it, you'll like it.

Jewish neshamas: 99 44/100 percent pure.

Tefillin. For the skin you love to touch.

Shabbas. The pause that refreshes.

If it's kosher, it's got to be good!

Modesty . . . because!

Judas the Lion says: Grrr-rr-eat!

Melech Dovid: When he reigns, we soar!

Let Hertz Chumash put you in the davener's seat!

Live better — Jewishly!

At Minyan, you're a somebody!

(Allan Gould is the author of 18 books, including the series-anthology What did They Think of the Jews? *and the less-serious anthology,* The Great Big Book of Jewish Humor, *both available at a bookstore near you. He hopes.)*

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Hungary's shame

Jozsef Antall, the prime minister of Hungary, acted boldly and forthrightly last month when he expelled Istvan Csurka and four of his followers from the ruling Hungarian Democratic Forum's parliamentary faction. Unfortunately, Csurka has yet to be ousted from the Hungarian Democratic Forum itself.

Csurka is a national embarrassment, a throwback to Hungary's fascist past, when Jews were not only singled out and persecuted but were deported to concentration camps.

Last August, Csurka precipitated an uproar when he suggested that Jews, among others, were responsible for Hungary's current problems, and that Hungary was under siege by a Zionist-inspired conspiracy in cahoots with the International Monetary Fund.

Hungary, to be sure, is experiencing pangs of adjustment in its wrenching transition from communism to capitalism and from totalitarianism to democracy. But to blame its current difficulties on Western civilization's oldest scapegoat, the Jewish people, is absurd, indefensible and contemptible.

Csurka, however, had no such qualms in pandering to such elemental prejudices, which, regrettably, are embraced by some of his fellow countrymen. In recent months, overtly anti-Semitic incidents have been reported, ranging from the daubing of swastikas on synagogue walls to the publication of unashamedly anti-Jewish publications.

When a politician of Csurka's stature gives voice to Judaphobic slurs in public, he legitimizes still wider manifestations of anti-Semitism. Prime Minister Antall evidently understands the damage Csurka and his ilk can inflict and have already inflicted on Hungary's reputation abroad. But if he intends to sever this parasitic vine clinging to the Hungarian Democratic Forum, he will have to act more resolutely so as to ensure that Csurka and his cohorts are drummed out of the party altogether.

A relatively small and vulnerable nation like Hungary cannot afford to let cheap propagandists like Csurka to speak on its behalf. It is high time he was given the boot.

Stratford's glory

One of the glories of Canada in general and Ontario in particular is the presence in our midst of The Stratford Festival, this nation's pre-eminent theatre.

For more than forty years, the Festival has kept Canada on the map of dramatic excellence for its performances of Shakespearean plays, original Canadian stage productions, classical European drama and high gloss American musicals.

Visitors now come to one of Ontario's most charming towns from all ten provinces, dozens of American states and just recently, through an excursion organized by New York City's Jewish centre of culture and the arts, the 92nd Street "Y", from the Big Apple itself.

It would be inaccurate to suggest that the Stratford Festival is a flawless enterprise. Some of its versions of *The Merchant of Venice* have been unedifying. Last year its production of *Romeo and Juliet* featured a chassid in traditional garb in a questionable attempt to portray an identifiable Jewish character.

This year a similar gaffe occurs in *Gypsy*, where Goldstone, a yarmulke-wearing gentleman, is seen eating everything in sight as he is welcomed to the apartment of the play's protagonist — hardly the behavior of a Jew who wears a head covering and presumably observes the laws of kashruth.

These, of course, are minor flaws and they tend to fade into the periphery when compared to the grand achievement Stratford has accomplished this year with its brilliant production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Never have Lucy Peacock and Colm Feore performed with such skill and élan.

Although its season is just beginning, the rave reviews of *Anthony and Cleopatra* are already coming in and *Gypsy* promises along with the soon to open *Mikado* to be highlights of the season. The Festival is to be congratulated also for its decision to offer French plays by Molière (The Imaginary Invalid) and C orneille (The Illusion) and one ancient Greek tragedy by Euripides (Bacchae).

The Stratford Festival is an institution which makes Ontario and Canada proud.

THOUSANDS MARCH

An estimated crowd of ten thousand people brought much of downtown Jerusalem to a standstill recently when they marched to the American consulate in East Jerusalem to conclude a five-day continuous demonstration opposite the Knesset. The demonstration and march was to protest the government handling of the peace process as well as warning the government about returning any part of the Golan. [IPPA photo]

Letters to the Editor

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

VALUES FOR CHILDREN

I was married to a "gentleman of color" for two years. We have two children, and are now divorced. My daughter attends Hebrew day school, and is doing very well both socially and academically. My son attends public school and (for his Jewish education) he attends congregational school in a Conservative synagogue. His public school has been very supportive in allowing me to come and give a talk about significant holidays and festivals and letting the class have a taste of traditional foods. My children are involved in the Kadima group at our synagogue, and really love it.

My ex-husband had no objections to the children being raised Jewish, but I would not have been able to give the children a Jewish education and let them be in as many extra curricular activities with the synagogue if I was still married. We loved each other very much, but there would have been terrible conflict between the different faiths that we were raised in. I don't object to people marrying from other faiths, but when it comes to religion, one set of values must be established before children come along, or else there will be ambivalence, and identity confusion on the part of the children. Children must know who they are.

Laura Lesser
Toronto

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JUDGE SHOWBOAT ON MERIT

The recommendation by some members of the Jewish community to boycott *Showboat* on the basis that it promotes racism (*CJN* Letters to the Editor June 10) is dangerous.

Were the production never to open many people would not be able to make up their own minds on the issues presented in the show. Similar pressure groups, school boards or even libraries might convince us that it is not appropriate to read Twain, Conrad, Wilde or Shakespeare because of the offensive material contained within their works.

Human beings are animals endowed with a higher faculty to absorb information, formulate ideas and express opinions. It is for the public to decide whether this production of *Showboat* is the pariah of the theatre world, a thoughtful insight into social injustice or just good entertainment.

Jonathan Tolkin
Toronto

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STUDENTS NOT ASKED

I would like to thank *The CJN* for devoting some of its pages to the issue of intermarriage. The first part of your feature points out the major flaw within the Jewish community's response (at least in Toronto) to this threat against Jewish continuity — its neglect of the insight and opinion of those direc tly affected by intermarriage, people in their early 20s, including university students.

The articles in the May 13 issue show that *The CJN* and the Jewish community have ignored their young — those actually doing the intermarrying. Nowhere in the articles was the opinion of the younger generation (those contemplating intermarriage or not) sought; and, in far too few instances has the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto (JFGT) sought input from this generation. They are being talked down to, or talked at; not necessarily talked with.

The continuity task force did request the opinion of university students in Toronto, but the actual presentation was made by campus professionals (with only one student present). This most vital group was given one hour to present their case, but this is misleading. The actual students have not been given the opportunity to make their own presentation, and the resulting presentation was minimized by the bias of the "professional" perspective (myself included), and the lack of more student input.

A further example of this ignorance can be seen with regard to student group funding. Last month the Jewish Students' Council (JSC) (representing Ryerson, Seneca, Scarborough campus of U of T, Glendon) was asked by the JFGT to reduce its budget to 95 percent or even 93 percent of last year's funding level. As a result, the JSC is presently faced with a deficit situation, as it grew by 52 percent last year. (Actual membership is up from 210 to 320 students.) Thus, the JSC is being penalized to grow — to discontinue Jewish continuity.

In the last year, we have witnessed a call for Jewish continuity. In Toronto, the Jewish community's handling of the continuity issue, as well as *The CJN's* results in nothing more than lip service. Unfortunately, programs that are actually doing something for the cause of Jewish continuity (and have done so for years) are presently being cut. If you're putting out a fire, you shouldn't focus your efforts on the smoke!

Michael A. Goldberg
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Toronto

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WONT ACCEPT RACIAL SLURS

The situation regarding *Show Boat* is more complex than the leaders of the black community or the apologists for the Jewish community would have us believe. We live in a society that has a short memory and in which oppression is ranked on a scale.

Some black leaders in Toronto have chosen *Show Boat* as the vehicle best suited for demonstrating their oppression and for uniting otherwise disparate groups within their community.

Attention first focused on a Jewish playwright, long dead, and a Jewish producer who has his back to the wall, neither of whom spoke or speak for the Jewish community. Black leaders quickly extended the language to 'the Jews' and the alleged Jewish responsibility for the position of blacks quickly became the subtext of the crusade.

Contrast the involvement of individuals who are Jews with the statements of black community leaders, eg., Stephanie Payne's comment that Jewish writers are responsible for the negative portrayal of blacks; Dudley Law's references to Shylock at a North York Board of Education meeting; and articles and editorials in the black community newspaper, *Share*, which equate the Holocaust with Wounded Knee and claim that Jews receive a disproportionate percentage of United Way funding. This extension from individuals to the group is not an accident. This has to be revised — it's unclear and inflamatory.

We have to acknowledge and consider how blacks feel about Jews and *Show Boat*, but we do not have to accept racial slurs as truth or revisionist history as fact.

Blacks and Jews are like Rachel and Leah. We have a lot in common and can help each other, but at the same time, we are not at all comfortable with each other. Our relationship needs constant maintenance. Small groups of Jews and blacks are meeting in dialogue because of *Show Boat*, and the blacks are doing so at considerable risk of censure. Our hope lies here and we owe them more than hand wringing and mea culpa.

Marc Grushcow
Toronto

Opinion

Research program elicits many responses

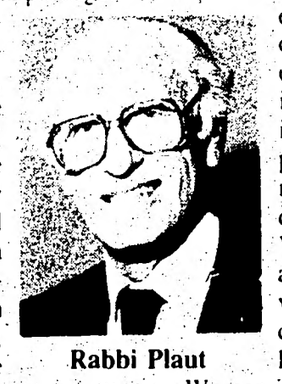
By W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Few columns that I have written lately have elicited as much response as the one on body and mind. The Toronto program I mentioned received over 50 inquiries and subsequently enrolled 25 people in its program.

Here is another one of which I have just been apprised — this too in Toronto (I would love to hear from other places where such programs exist).

Dr. Peter Brown of Mount Sinai Hospital is the principal investigator for a research body begun by Dr. David Spiegel in New York and now replicated by him at Stanford University in California. Apparently various centres across Canada are doing the same, and Brown supplies the following information:

Your physican is collaborating with investigators across Canada in a randomized trial designed to examine the benefits of providing women with information about living with their recurreent breast cancer. In this trial, women will either be given an educational package to be used at home or asked to participate in a weekly support group in addition to receiving the educational package. The goal of the research is to determine the effect of these two approaches on day-to-day activities, psychological functioning and the breast cancer outcome.



Rabbi Plaut

Women who enter the study will be randomly assigned, as in a lottery, by computer to receive the educational package alone or combined with a weekly support group. The educational package will contain information about breast cancer and its treatment, nutrition and ways of coping with the disease when they enter the study, and they will receive regular updates of this information as long as they remain in the study.

Those assigned to group therapy will be asked to participate in a group that includes nine to 12 women with recurrent breast cancer, meeting for 90 minutes every week. They are asked to attend for as long as they feel that the group is useful and their health permits. The groups are intended to be supportive and will focus on discussions about the problems women with recurrent breast cancer face in dealing with their disease; improving coping skills; improving doctor-patient communication; ventilating negative feelings and helping them deal with other aspects of their lives. Women will also learn self-hypnosis and relaxation techniques. The groups will be led by specially trained psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers and nurses.

Women interested in this study must be willing to accept assignment to either the educational package only or combined with the group support and to have their charts reviewed by study staff. Before entering the study interested women will be asked to complete several baseline psychological questionnaires, provide a small amount of blood (approximately one tablespoon) and meet with one of the group leaders to learn more about the study, and to have any questions answered.

Regardless of which group the woman is assigned to, all women will be asked to complete psychological questionnaires and allow their medical records to be reviewed every four months. They are free to withdraw from the study at any time. All information they give during the study will remain strictly confidential. Participation will not interfere with their medical treatment in any way.

If you have any questions regarding this study, please contact (416) 586-5945 or 586-5946.

I repeat my earlier reference to the fact that the Bible uses the word nefesh both for soul or spirit and for the body or whole person. I do not believe that this confluence is an accident of language, but rather a reflection of a basic view taught us by Torah.

Judicial challenges pose threat to Israeli society

By DAVID J. FORMAN

There are ominous signs afoot that the nature of Israeli society is under threat. Too many public figures are challenging the essence of democracy - the institution of an independent judicial process and the application of equal rights for all citizens. When these two elements of an enlightened state are questioned, all freedom-loving peoples must be on the alert.

Chaim Herzog set the tone in his presidential farewell speech to the nation. He reiterated his concern that the Supreme Court should stay out of the political arena. He finds it unhealthy for the court to be involved in decisions like the expulsion of the 415 Palestinians, which he considers to be entirely political in nature.

Herzog further stated that judges, unlike Knesset members, are not elected by the people, and therefore final arbitration in political matters should not be within their bailiwick.

These thoughts were echoed in MK Binyamin Netanyahu's first Knesset speech as opposition leader. He urged the Knesset to pass a law placing virtually absolute power in the hands of the army where security-related matters are concerned. His claim: judicial concerns interfere with the army's work.

And then there was the Likud convention. MK Ariel Sharon told a rapt audience that Zionism did not view Jews returning to this land to set up a democratic nation, but rather to establish a Jewish state (as if the two are necessarily incompatible). He then made an incredible syllogistic leap.

Having claimed that a Jewish state and democratic principles are in conflict, he added that Israeli Arabs should not be allowed to participate in any public referendum dealing with the return of the Golan Heights. What legal process would Sharon introduce to allow this?

More than anything else, Israel can take pride in its fine judicial system. The integrity of our courts has been a standard bearer of our democratic way of life.

In a sea of totalitarian, military, feudal and monarchal states, Israel stands out as a model of moral uprightness. This is not necessarily because of the actions of our governments (Likud or Labor), and not entirely because of the behavior of our people; but because of an independent judicial system that applies the rule of law equally to all citizens.

Bypassing the judicial process will usher in such anti-democratic tendencies as minority discrimination, arbitrary military activity and violation of peace treaties. If the will of the people becomes the ultimate expression of that which is legal, then in the name of "legality," any unpopular stance can be outlawed.

While one must agree that the majority rules, it is incumbent upon that majority to protect the rights of the minority. Only a fair judicial process can protect such a basic democratic value.

We Jews should understand this better than most peoples. Having been denied legitimacy for centuries by states that ruled us, we recognized that the establishment of a Jewish state must go hand-in-hand with democratic ideals.

Modern Israel has served as a classic example of this Jewish democratic blend. Our Jewish state can legitimately call itself Jewish only so long as it is Jewish and democratic.

The father of modern Zionism, Theodor Herzl, defined the tenets of Zionism in his book *The Jewish State*. "I see in Zionism not only a homeland for a battered people, but also . . . the aspiration for Jewish moral and spiritual wholeness." To emphasize this point, he added in his book *Altneuland*, "The Jewish state will be based on the principles of democracy, equal rights for all its citizens including the resident inhabitants [Arabs] . . . ."

It is sad that many of today's leaders would turn us away from such lofty ideals. These democratic ideals can only be protected by laws that are enforced by an objective and fair judiciary.

Our courts must always protect us against political, social and military excesses. Indeed, that very legal process that some leaders would impugn, protects the right of Messrs. Herzog, Netanyahu and Sharon to preach their anti-judicial and anti-democratic rhetoric. --(c) JPFS

Jewish, Christian theologians must maintain dialogue

By RABBI DOW MARMUR

The following is a D'var Torah by Rabbi Dow Marmur at the meeting of the executive committee of Holy Blossom Temple in Toronto, June 10.

I have just returned from Ottawa where I delivered a paper on Christian-Jewish relations at the annual meeting of the Canadian Theological Society. But as my subject turned out to be more topical than is expected in academic settings, I would like to share some aspects of it with you this evening. But first some background.

The starting point of my paper was the Biblical story in Genesis 32. It tells of Jacob wrestling in the night at the river Jabbok with a mysterious being. A rabbinic tradition has it that this being was none other than "the guardian angel of Esau," a term understood to be a metaphor for the surrounding gentile civilization.

Nahum Sarna, the author of the most recent Jewish commentary on Genesis, points out that the river Jabbok formed the frontier of ancient Israel. This means that, in the context of the rabbinic interpretation, our text suggests that just as Jacob was about to cross into the Promised land, the gentile world tried to stop him.

It seems that nothing has changed since then. Even traditional Christian theology reflects the gentile world the rabbis allude to. Until today, many Christians seem to have great difficulty in accepting Jewish sovereignty, which means the state of Israel.

My paper refers to Rosemary Ruether, a forthright and well-known Christian theologian. In addition to her writings on feminism and related subjects, she published some years ago a powerful book called *Faith and Fratricide*, in which she urged Christians to reconsider their theology about the Jews in the light of the Holocaust. She argued persuasively that Christians cannot evade a measure of responsibility for the Holocaust. To prevent it happening again, the church has to look at its teachings. More recently she has, together with her husband, written another book, *The Wrath of Jonah*, which is a virulent attack on the State of Israel.

Jewish historian David Biale has asked how the same person could have written both books. His answer may help us to understand left-wing Christianity in general and the Toronto Conference of the United Church of Canada in particular:

The purpose of Faith and Fratricide *was to divest Christianity of its own chauvinism, namely anti-Semitism, so that it might become its true universalist self. The purpose of* The Wrath of Jonah *is to do the same thing for Judaism, the parent religion of Christianity. Christian universalism comes from the "true" Judaism, but the Jews have strayed from their calling by espousing tribal nationalism. The correct role for Jews is to fight for these universal, pluralistic values in the countries of the diaspora, the true Jewish homelands.*

Though I don't know if the leaders of the Toronto Conference have reflected on their motives for this and other statements on Israel, I can think of no more apt a description of their utterances than Biale's characterization of Ruether. Like Reuther, I am sure, they would urge Christians to rethink their theology in the light of the Holocaust, and repudiate anti-Semitism. At the same time, however, they are more than ready to condemn the Jewish state as if it was the greatest villain in the world.

This latest statement of Toronto Conference urges the Canadian government to call upon Israel to stop violating human rights in the West Bank and Gaza because, "God calls us to speak out against injustice and to care for those who have been abandoned and forgotten."

I share the sentiment, but I am more than surprised that Toronto Conference does not feel called by God to mention Arab violations and Arab violence; there is not even a passing reference, let alone regret, at the loss of Jewish civilian lives, which recently forced the government to introduce stern measures in an effort to protect its citizens.

Nor is there any recognition of the delicate and complex current peace negotiations towards a comprehensive settlement and self-rule for Palestinians as yet another step, we hope, to full independence. And, of course, there is no reference to the cause of the conflict and the Arab responsibility for it, nor to Israel's right to live in security.

Similarly, Toronto Conference of the United Church of Canada has overlooked making reference to the brutal mass killings of Muslim fundamentalists in Algeria and Egypt, in an effort by the governments of these countries to protect themselves. The intention behind the distress of Toronto Conference over the expulsion of the 400 Islamic fundamentalists by Israel may be laudable, but its selectivity in presenting the matter makes one suspicious. In its endeavor to be topical, I do not expect the United Church to praise Israel for its actions, but in its desire to be moral, I do not expect it to be silent about other infinitely more cruel wrongs.

Bernard Lewis, the internationally renowned scholar of Islam, makes an important distinction between those who are pro-Arab and those who are anti-Jew. Pro-Arabs consistently and relentlessly champion the cause of the Arabs when Jews are involved. Lewis' criteria may help us judge this resolution. I hope that, in its effort to be scrupulous in its self scrutiny, Toronto Conference will want to judge itself.

Of course, many of us, not least committed Jews and ardent Zionists, are often critical of Israeli government policies. But there is a fundamental difference between being critical in context and seemingly indiscriminate sniping. That is why I would like to formulate my responses to the concerns of Toronto Conference with the words of David Biale:

Progressive Jews are engaged today in a fateful struggle over the future of Israel and, indeed, the future of the Jewish people. We desperately need all the allies we can get. But the last thing we need is modern versions of the medieval sermons that the Jews were forced to listen to in Christian churches, or "well-meaning" attempts to "liberate the Jewish community." We wish to be neither oppressors nor victims, neither heroes nor puppets in someone else's theology. We wish, in short, to be a normal people.

When ostensibly well-meaning Christians seek to impose standards on Jews they do not seem to impose on themselves, or on others whom it is inexpedient to castigate, I find myself often quoting a chassidic maxim to them: Look after your own soul and another's body, not your own body and another's soul.

There will, of course, be those in our midst who will see this latest statement by an allegedly responsible, and seemingly liberal, representative body of Canadian Christians as further proof that Jewish-Christian dialogue is futile. That is most decidedly not my view. On the contrary. I see this statement as evidence that such dialogue is as necessary now as it has ever been. The fact that old prejudices still persist in new guises only shows that we still have much work to do.

For though Toronto Conference may speak for its establishment, perhaps also for the majority of its members, it does not speak for all of them. I know that there are many who are as much concerned about justice as are their leaders, yet are pained by this re-emergence of a theology that, on the basis of historic evidence, can legitimately be perceived to be anti-Jewish. I hope that these individuals will make themselves heard in their Churches. Our task is to give them encouragement and support, and that can only be done in the context of dialogue between people who genuinely want to learn from each other and thus enrich their respective faiths.

That is why I, for one, am determined to continue my activities in this field — not by sitting on ostensibly representative committees that, for the sake of consensus, tend to agree on unimportant issues, but by working with like-minded Christians who realize that, unless they purge their theology of anti-Jewish bias in whatever guise, their own faith is in jeopardy.

I am convinced that we Jews are as much in need of these encounters as are Christians. For we are not immune to the dangers of parochialism and all that goes with it; that is why I was delighted to expose my Jewish ideas to Christian theologians. I believe that the universalist perspective of our Christian partners in dialogue can help us to widen our own vision, and thus make us feel more at home in the world. But for that we must know that this universalism is not a tool of potential destruction; that is why I feel compelled to comment on the statement by Toronto Conference in the manner that I have done this evening.

Features

Israeli Arabs feel discrimination

Reporting from the Wadi Ara region and Tel Aviv, Sheldon Kirshner examines the status of Israeli Arabs.

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

The Arabs of Israel feel aggrieved.

Equal under the law but unequal in practice, this quiescent but increasingly vocal minority claim they are the victims of state discrimination. Cognizant of their grievances, Israel's current government has begun to address them.

Comprising 18 percent of Israel's population, Israeli Arabs are the descendants of a core group of some 180,000 Palestinian Arabs who remained in their homes after the tumult and confusion of the 1948 Arab-Israeli war. Many more Palestinians fled, or were forced to flee, to neighboring Arab countries.

Under Israel's Declaration of Independence, non-Jewish minorities are entitled to enjoy the same rights as Jews. In reality, however, they do not, and Israel's present leadership recognizes this.

After his election last summer, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin promised to establish a government committee to work for the achievement of full equality between Arabs and Jews.

Elie Rekhess, a Tel Aviv University scholar who writes frequently on Israeli Arabs, believes that Rabin is interested in alleviating their problems.

Rabin is not acting out of pure humanitarian impulses. There are clear political interests at stake, said Rekhess, a senior research fellow at the Moshe Dayan Center for Middle Eastern and African Studies.

Without the tacit support of Israeli Arab political parties, Rabin might well lose his Knesset majority in the event of a coalition crisis.

In exchange for their behind-the-scenes backing, Rabin signed a memorandum of understanding with the Democratic Arab party and the Democratic Front for Peace and Equality, both of which have four Knesset seats. Under the agreement, he committed himself and his government to a long list of actions and aims.

He pledged to close municipal budgetary gaps within five years; to eliminate disparities in education, industry, health and housing; to absorb Arab university graduates into the civil service; to return Muslim religious endowment property to the Arab community; to declare Nazareth and other Arab localities "development areas" entitled to tax exemptions.

Since then, Rabin has taken practical steps to ease the position of Israeli Arabs.

Shortly after the formation of his Labor coalition government, he made two appointments. Nawaf Massalha, a Labor member of parliament, was appointed deputy health minister, while Walid Sadik, a Meretz MK, was named deputy agriculture minister.

Subsequently, Rabin abolished the long-criticized position of prime minister's advisor on Israeli Arab affairs (which had always been held by a Jew), and appointed an Arab to the influential Knesset state control committee.

More recently, the housing ministry announced that Israeli citizens who do not serve in the army will be eligible to receive mortgages in development towns. Apart from Druze, Israeli Arabs are not conscripted into the armed forces.

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Israel's Arab citizens, making up almost a fifth of its population, can be found from Metulla to Eilat. But in the main, their towns and villages are in the Galilee and in the Wadi Ara region, east of Hadera, near the old Green Line, adjacent to the West Bank.

The Muslim village of Meisir, population 1,200, is in the fertile Wadi Ara valley, four kilometres west of the Green Line. It is close both to the West Bank town of Tulkarem and Kibbutz Barkai. As in all Muslim localities, the mosque is the tallest building in the village.

Najeeb Abu Rakia and his wife and five children are residents of Meisir. Rakia's Egyptian ancestors settled in Meisir nearly 200 years ago. Now 43, Rakia is the Meretz party's liaison to the Israeli Arab community. He works for coexistence between Arabs and Jews and for the attainment of full Arab civil rights.

Like virtually all Israeli Arabs, Rakia has a split identity. "I feel like an Israeli, a Palestinian and an Arab," he said as he sipped aromatic Turkish coffee. "We were born as Palestinians. Our Israeli citizenship was chosen for us. The Israelis arrived in our place and made their state here."

Rakia contends that discrimination, official and unofficial, is the lot of the average Israeli Arab.

"The land question is the central question," he explained. "Land either owned by Palestinian refugees who ended up in Arab countries and by Palestinians who stayed in Israel was confiscated."

In his estimation, more than half of Meisir's land was expropriated by Israel from 1949 to 1953. He claimed that some of it was given to Kibbutz Metzer, which is just down the road a bit.

Rakia is greatly concerned by the severe inequalities in the allocation of funds to Arab and Jewish municipalities and schools. Budgetary gaps account for unpaved or poorly maintained roads and poor sewage systems in Arab towns.

Arab schools suffer from a shortage of classrooms, libraries and laboratory equipment. In 1992, Israel's State Comptroller reported that for every dollar spent per Jewish child by the Ministry of Education, only 55 cents is spent on an Arab child. Forty six percent of Arab students complete high school, compared with 82 percent of Jewish students. Facilities are deplorable in many Arab schools, the report added. In 1988, the Ministry of Education promised to build 1,395 new classrooms in the Arab sector over five years, but only 556 have been constructed.

Rakia said that unemployment among Arab high school and university graduates is disproportionately high, and that Arabs are rarely hired by large Israeli companies. "There is not a single Arab employee in the Israel Electric Corporation," he said, referring to Israel's biggest company.

Severe inequalities in allocation of funds

And while he is gratified that two Arabs are deputy ministers, he pointed out that an Arab has yet to be given a full cabinet post.

Rakia is bitterly disappointed that the industrial revolution has bypassed the Arab sector. "There is no industry in Arab towns. Israel uses us as cheap labor." And because of a lack on tax-paying industry, Arab municipalities are all the more dependent on government largesse.

He opposes the conscription of Israeli Arabs into the Israel Defence Forces, at least until Israel is at peace with its Arab neighbors and the Arabs of Israel achieve full equality.

Israel's Law of Return, which entitles a Jew to obtain Israeli citizenship immediately, bothers him. "For a Palestinian, it's hard to accept," he said. "It's just for Jews. If I recognize Israel as a Jewish state, what am I doing here? I'm outside. But I accept the fact that the Jews are a majority in Israel."

If he had his way, common citizenship, rather than ethnicity, would determine the personal status of Israelis.

In theory, Rakia favors the right of former Palestinian residents of Israel to return. In practice, he realizes the idea is an absolute non-starter. His solution? "The immediate relatives of Israeli Arabs should be allowed to return, and all others should be compensated."

He dislikes Islamic fundamentalism, which, he thinks, is gaining strength in Israel. "They mix politics with religion, and they pit Islam against Judaism."

Salim Joubran is a Christian Israeli Arab from Nazareth, as well as the former secretary-general of the Democratic Front for Peace and Equality. Joubran, who's 51, was interviewed at Givat Haviva, an institution in Wadi Ara dedicated to improving Arab-Jewish relations..

"I'm a citizen of Israel," he said. "It's a fact. I'm an Arab. This is a fact. I'm a Palestinian. I'm a Christian." And, he paused, chuckling, "I am also a human being."

Joubran considers Israel "my country, my homeland." But, in his view, "it's very hard to be an Arab in Israel."

Israeli Arabs, he explained, are "extremely alienated." They believe that the Jewish powers-that-be — notably the government and the Histadrut labor union — do not regard Arabs as equal citizens.

"Practically, I feel like a second-class citizen," he lamented.

Joubran argued that it's in Israel's interest to fully "integrate" Israeli Arabs, who, he said, are part and parcel of the country. "You will be astonished to know how deep Arabs are absorbed in Israeli society."

Yet Joubran acknowledged that most Israeli Arabs are at odds with the political consensus supported by a plurality of Israeli Jews.

In general, Israeli Arabs believe that the Arab-Israeli dispute can only be solved if Israel withdraws from the territories and if the Palestinians are allowed to establish a state of their own on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

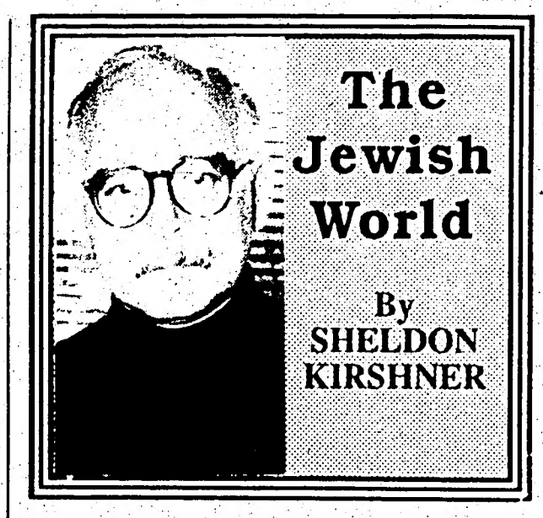
Israeli Arabs also maintain that Israel should deal directly with the PLO. And they think that Israel erred in expelling some 400 Hamas activists to Lebanon last December.

He has serious misgivings about the Law of Return. "There was a need for it after the Holocaust, when Jewish refugees were looking for a home. Today, Israel is a normal state and this law is no longer necessary."

In his opinion, Israel should "open its doors" to whomever wishes to settle in the Jewish state. But it would be "unrealistic" to expect Israel to welcome Palestinian refugees displaced by the 1948 and 1967 Arab-Israeli wars, Joubran added. "Besides, I don't think they all want to return to areas resettled by Jews."

Joubran is emotionally detached from Hatikva, Israel's national anthem. As he put it: "It's not fair to ask Arabs to be Jewish patriots. Hatikva does not represent me, nor does it speak for me. It represents the collective feelings of the other people. I dream that Israel's anthem will be Israeli rather than Jewish."

Najeeb Abu Rakia and three of his children. [Sheldon Kirshner photo]



The Jewish World

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Books of Jewish interest. A trickle in the never-ending stream...

What is Jewish Science? Who was Albert Harkavy? Where is Bethel? If you haven't the foggiest notion, you may want to consult the *The* Blackwell Dictionary of Judaica (Blackwell Publishers, $24.95 U.S.), which contains more than 7,000 concise entries on Jewish history, civilization and religion. This is an excellent reference work, as well as a vital building block of Jewish knowledge.

Richard Wagner, the brilliant 19th century German composer, was an incurable anti-Semite. No less a personage than Adolf Hitler idolized him as a precursor of Nazi ideology. Paul Lawrence Rose, a Haifa University historian, claims in *Wagner, Race and Revolution* (Yale University Press, $25 U.S.) that Wagner's anti-Jewish animus predated his infamous 1850 essay, *Judaism in Music*, and that it was rooted in his conflict with Jewish composer Giacomo Meyerbeer. Rose, too, argues that Wagner did not suddenly change from a progressive revolutionary into a reactionary racist. For Wagner, the very notion of revolution was bound up with racial anti-Semitism. The theses presented by Rose are controversial, but this book is a model of meticulous research and tight argumentation.

Building blocks of Jewish knowledge

It's clear that a great many Germans were opposed to Hitler's amoral regime, especially after Kristallnacht. Regrettably, the majority of the dissenters maintained a deafening silence. A few decent men, whose patriotism could not be impugned, bravely stood up. One of them, Adam von Trott zu Solz, paid dearly for his activism. He was executed for his involvement in the 1944 assassination plot against Hitler. Giles MacDonogh's fine biography, *A Good German* (Penguin, $35), skilfully traces his opposition to Nazism and his efforts to overthrow the National Socialist state.

Jews continue to leave the former Soviet Union at a rate of about 4,000 to 5,000 a month. But long before the gates were thrown open, Soviet Jews were emigrating. Their reasons for leaving, as well as their absorption abroad, is the subject of *Soviet-Jewish Emigration and Resettlement in the 1990s* (York Lane Press, $15.95).

The book, which is edited by Tanya Basok and Robert Brym, consists of 10 thoughtful essays which students of Soviet Jewish affairs will no doubt appreciate.

The effect of the Holocaust on the children of survivors has been told. But in *Memorial Candles* (Routledge, Chapman & Hill, $16.95 U.S.), Dina Wardi, an Israeli psychotherapist, penetrates to the very core of the problem. Clinical and occasionally moving.

Art Spiegelman, the son of survivors and the Pulitzer Prize-winning creator of *Maus*, exorcises his demons through the medium of stylized cartoons which plumb the depths of his parents' horrifying experiences. Spiegelman's second volume, *And Here My Troubles Began* (Random House, $15), is unrelievedly hard-hitting and affecting.

Susan Neiman, an American Jew, lived in Berlin from 1982 to 1988. Contrary to her expectations, Berlin captivated her. Neiman's pungent, perceptive observations of Berliners' uneasy relationship with the Nazi past are set down in *Slow Fire: Jewish Notes From Berlin* (Random House, $27), a book which is nothing if not thought-provoking.

William McCagg, a professor of history at Michigan State University, is to be congratulated for *A History of Habsburg Jews, 1670-1918* (Indiana University Press, $12.95). A work of exemplary scholarship, it is doubtless the definitive study in English.

Tony Horwitz, is an American foreign correspondent who's roamed the Middle East. *Baghdad Without A Map* ([Penguin, $12.99), a personal reminiscence of his experiences while on assignment, takes a reader to Yemen, Iraq, Iran, Israel and Libya.

Horwitz is a vivid writer and his recollections make for entertaining and enlightening reading. His encounters with Yemenite Jews and his description of an Iran-Iraq War battlefield are especially well-crafted.

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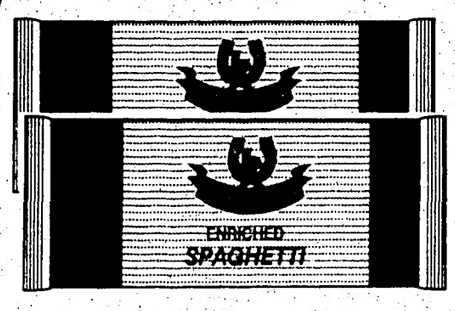

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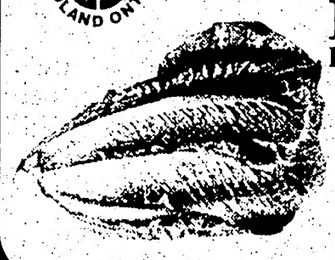

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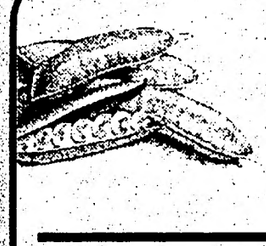

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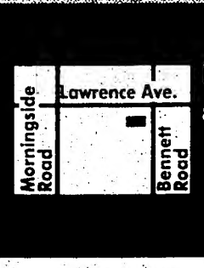

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Health club members call remarks obscene, anti-Semitic

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — Several members of the Super Fitness health club on Steeles Avenue East are accusing a club executive of using obscene gestures and uttering anti-Semitic remarks. The three female members, who say they are outraged at the executive's behavior, are calling for her removal.

Zita Svarcbach, Victoria Mignanelli and Elaine Rubinoff said they were shocked by the "crude" language and gestures allegedly used by Michelle Boylea, Super Fitness's vice-president for sales.

"I would like her fired," Svarcbach, a non-Jew, told *The CJN*. "She should not have a job where she's in public relations. She has a bad attitude and she's prejudiced."

"I would like to see her fired," agreed Mignanelli, a Super Fitness member for five years. "Out with her. She doesn't have the right to say what she did to Zita."

"I don't think she should be in that position if she's anti-Semitic," Rubinoff, an eight-year member, told *The CJN*.

The Ontario region of Canadian Jewish Congress has taken up the case, calling on Super Fitness president Ken Wheeler to suspend Boylea pending a full investigation into the matter.

The incident that sparked the members' outrage occurred in late May when Svarcbach, Mignanelli and a third woman were in the branch manager's office to complain about an aerobics class. Mignanelli said Boylea "charged into the office and started to insult us," accusing the women of being out of shape and then offering to refund their membership dues.

Mignanelli and Svarcbach both told *The CJN* that Boylea called their complaint "bull--t" and pointed her middle finger at them.

"I was totally in shock. I couldn't believe it," Svarcbach said.

Svarcbach said she then left the office to go work out on a stationary bicycle but Boylea followed her to the exercise area. According to Svarcbach, Boylea then said, "You probably don't work and you're here spending your husband's money."

After telling Boylea that was none of her business, Boylea then allegedly said, "You are a f---ing Jew," according to Svarcbach, or "Are you a f---ing Jew?" according to Rubinoff, who was in the area and overheard the exchange.

When Svarcbach said she isn't Jewish, Boylea allegedly replied, "Well, you should be because you act like one."

Rubinoff said the incident "really shocked me. I could not believe it, especially since I found out she's vice-president in charge of sales.

"To hear that she would make any comment like that, regarding the Jewish people and also be so rough and abrasive with a client, giving her the finger, is especially shocking."

Rubinoff said she wrote to Wheeler describing the incident and asking that he "take the proper corrective measures."

Svarcbach said she faxed a letter to Wheeler about the incident, also asking him to take action.

In a June 18 letter to Wheeler, Louis Lenkinski, chair of community relations for Congress, said that Boylea's reported reassignment to another branch of the club "is just not good enough.

"When anti-Semitic incidents of such magnitude are recorded, especially involving an employee at such high level of senior management, effective action must not only be seen to be taken, but must be taken.

"While I commend you for launching an immediate investigation, we are left disturbed and very concerned that you ... have apparently chosen an approach which may leave the perception that this issue is not being given due consideration."

Lenkinski told *The CJN* that "it is highly questionable that someone in such an important profile should be kept in such a position if the allegations prove true."

Neither Wheeler nor Boylea returned several calls from *The CJN* requesting comments on the incident.

A meeting between Wheeler, Lenkinski and Bernie Farber of Congress was scheduled to take place last Friday, after *The CJN*'s deadline.

Kach forms police unit to 'rule' territories

TORONTO — The Kach movement is organizing its own police force to fill the power vacuum that is expected when the Israeli army vacates Judea and Samaria, the movement's Israel-based leader said last week.

Baruch Merzel said the right wing group is preparing to train 1,000 people for the unit in anticipation of the day when current peace negotiations lead to an Israeli withdrawal from the territories.

"We won't let a vacuum be created," he told *The CJN*. "If there will be a vacuum, the Israeli army will leave and we'll take over Judea and rule these territories."

Merzel said he is troubled by the prospect of some day coming into conflict with Israeli forces, but suggested that could be avoided if they withdraw and "won't be there. [Then] we won't have to fight them."

Speaking before 80 people at the Zionist Centre on Marlee Avenue, Merzel painted a bleak picture for Israel and for Jewish settlers living in the territories should Palestinian autonomy be implemented.

Merzel, a resident of Hebron, pointed to the 1929 riots in which 63 Jews were murdered in the city. He said one longtime resident of Hebron at the time, a Jewish doctor who ministered to his Arab neighbors, was killed in a brutal manner after his wife was raped and his daughter killed. His neighbors turned on him, because "they do what their sheikhs tell them to do," Merzel said. "That's their nature. . . the nature is to be wild people."

"I know my neighbors," Merzel said, adding that as someone who lives among them, he sees "their hatred."

Merzel said "everyone knows negotiations will lead to a Palestinian state and that Hamas [the Islamic fundamentalist movement] will take it over."

Its goal is to push Israel into the sea, he said.

Herb Sunshine, an aide to former Kach leader Rabbi Meir Kahane, said the autonomy proposals being discussed "could cause the destruction of Israel."

Echoing the message of a video that opened the lecture, Sunshine said Jews living in areas under Arab control would be harassed, have their water and electricity cut and be forced to leave their homes.

Sunshine said Rabin does not have an electoral mandate to negotiate away the lands given to the Jews by God. "No country has the right to give itself away," he said, adding that Kahane had called for a referendum on giving up land.

Sunshine and Merzel were introduced by Meir Halevi, head of the Jewish Defence League in Canada.

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Organizations and People

Bassett takes St. Paul's riding as accusations dog meeting

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO — Toronto broadcaster Isabel Bassett last week won the Progressive Conservative nomination in St. Paul's riding amid accusations her team tried to undermine her rival's support in the Jewish community.

Bassett, a producer and reporter for CFTO-TV, handily beat ethnic media mogul Dan Iannuzzi by a vote of 636 to 227, to become the Tory candidate in St. Paul's in this year's federal election. A third candidate, Leslie Zulauf, polled 65 votes.

But prior to the vote, Iannuzzi charged Bassett's workers with trying to weaken his support among the riding's estimated 15,000 Jews.

Iannuzzi alleged Bassett's staff told *The Globe and Mail* that it was his canvassers who signed up suspected Nazi war criminal Imre Finta as a member of the Tory riding association.

Iannuzzi admitted to *The CJN* it was members of his team who sold the $2 membership to Finta, who lives in the riding, but that it was "absolutely an oversight.

"We have little old ladies and young kids [signing people up]. They don't always recognize names."

Word of Finta being signed up leaked out after Iannuzzi's team traded membership lists with Bassett's canvassers, who apparently recognized the name. The flap was reported in the *Globe's* "Tattler" gossip column.

"They [members of Bassett's team] didn't have to call the *Globe*," Iannuzzi said.

He said Beth Tzedec Congregation, where the nomination was held, at first threatened to cancel the meeting.

But Iannuzzi wrote a letter to Beth Tzedec Rabbi Irvin Beigel, expessing his "disdain" for the *Globe* item. "It is unfortunate that insecure people would lower themselves to this level ... This illtimed and irresponsible item was surely planted in order to undermine the strong support I am getting from the Jewish community across St. Paul's riding."

Bassett told *The CJN* after the vote that she doesn't know how the item became reported.

"On the night we exchanged lists, there were about 30 people standing around and someone recognized the name." Anyone could then have called the *Globe*, she explained.

"Personally," she added, "I would find it an embarrassment if Finta's name was on my list. I'd freak out.

"But I don't think it's a bad thing all this came out. It's very serious."

Iannuzzi is "a man sorely disappointed," Bassett said.

On the day the *Globe* item appeared, the riding association's executive announced it would refuse Finta his membership.

In a statement, B'nai Brith Canada commended the riding association for its decision.

Finta, 80, was accused in Canada's first-ever war crimes trial.

A former captain in Hungary's fiercely pro-Nazi gendarmerie, he was acquitted in 1990 of war crimes and crimes against humanity on charges he confined, kidnapped and contributed to the deaths of Hungarian Jews during World War II. In 1992, the Ontario Court of Appeal upheld the acquittal.

The Crown is appealing the case to the Supreme Court of Canada and Finta is separately challenging the legality of Canada's war crimes laws.

Tu b'Av festival party planned

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO — The Jewish Community Centre (JCC), North Y branch at 4588 Bathurst St., will be the site of Toronto's fifth annual Tu b'Av festival party on July 29 from 7:30 p.m. until midnight.

The event harks back to the days of the Second Temple, when young unmarried women dressed in white danced and sang in the vineyards on this minor holiday. According to tradition, single men would pick their wives from among the dancers.

The JCC party will be held on the field in front of the tennis courts. In case of inclement weather, the party will be held indoors.

Music will be provided by the Nu-Rhythm Band and the food — all kosher — will include the usual barbecue fare as well as snack food and dessert. There will also be a cash bar.

Tickets at $18 in advance or $25 at the door include a variety of JCC program coupons for savings of up to $75. "Even if you don't attend the party, it's still an amazing value," said North Y branch program director Rosanne Zarnett.

Zarnett is hoping to attract 1,000 people to the event, proceeds of which will help fund new programming at the JCC. Although the party is geared for singles, said Zarnett, couples are welcome.

Door prizes include a suede outfit from Danier Leather and two tickets to any play at Leah Posluns Theatre.

The party is the first project of the JCC New Leadership program, a task force committee designed to develop leadership among JCC members in their 20s, 30s and 40s by familiarizing them with JCC programming at a grassroots level. The Jewish Singles Registry is co-sponsoring the event.

Tickets are available at all three JCC branches, as well as the Hamilton JCC (416-648-0605). They can also be purchased through the Israel Cancer Research Fund (487-5246) or the Metro Toronto Singles office (222-7111).

For further information, call Zarnett at 631-5658.

Book to examine Canada's cultures

TORONTO — A grant of $2,000 will assist the cost of publishing a book that examines the co-existence of different cultures in Canadian society, Ontario Citizenship Minister Elaine Ziemba announced recently.

Living Between Two Cultures, produced by the European Canadian Heritage Organization Research Institute, is based on papers presented for discussion at various community workshops and seminars.

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Family Matters

by

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Nothing is more difficult or heartbreaking than contested custody proceedings. Parents often present sworn affidavits replete with half-truths about the other parent with no regard to the fact that some day, their children often read this material. Lawyers and Judges in recent years have relied on independent professional psychologists, social workers, psychiatrists, or educators to "assess" the skills of competing parents and the children's parenting needs. Some Judges have recently begun to reject the assessment process as being unnecessary and expensive for cases that are "straightforward". However, in many cases, assessments can significantly contribute to settlement once the assessor's views are made known.

The "Allen/Farrow" grand trial scenario is not common. Only a very small percentage of custody disputes are actually tried. However, hearings of one sort or another have increased significantly in the area of "mobility rights". The right of the custodial parent to move with a child permanently has been increasingly restricted over the past few years, as the rights of the access parent have increased. Even if the custodial parent has good reason to leave (remarriage, career change or both), a child's bond with the access parent can be a challenging barrier.

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Ontario shelves plans to cut social service payments

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO — Social service agencies which receive transfer payments from the provincial government will not get an increase this year but at the same time, some previously-announced cuts will not be implemented, the Reena Foundation's annual meeting was told recently.

Queen's Park is committed to protecting Ontario's most vulnerable citizens and helping them live with dignity, but "within the bounds of sensible, affordable and effective common goals," said Marg Gallow, associate deputy minister of community and social services.

The recession and cutbacks mean no added dollars from the NDP this year but some cuts announced previously will not go into effect, Gallow said.

For example, her ministry recently informed agencies that it will not proceed with $1.5 million in cuts announced last year to sheltered workshops, Gallow said.

In fact, the government will continue to allocate an extra $1 million to support employment projects, she added.

Gallow lauded her government's accomplishments. Since coming to office in 1990, the NDP has boosted spending for the developmentally disabled by 13 percent, to over $900 million for 1992-93, she noted.

In 1976, Ontario spent $8 million to help support about 4,600 developmentally disabled. Today, the figure is $600 million for about 30,000 people in community living, Gallow stated.

She called on agencies to do more with less funds and praised the Reena Foundation as "an inspiration to us all."

Reena chair Hy Eiley said the foundation created 28 additional residential units over the past year. Seventeen individuals were placed in residential units and 17 in Reena's day programs, he noted.

Of major concern over the past year was Camp Reena, which was a financial drain on the foundation, the meeting heard. The cash-strapped camp will be closed this year, although its Caledon site will remain open for retreats and Shabbatons, Reena's executive director, Sandy Keshen, told *The CJN*.

This year, Reena clients will summer in a special cottage program near Collingwood. Almost 100 adults will take part, six per cottage, and the program will operate on a break-even basis, Eiley said.

Other camps, especially Camp Ramah and Camp Northland, are accepting more developmentally handicapped children, he added, reinforcing Reena's philosophy of integration into the mainstream.

Reena's next big project will be the Toby and Henry Battle Day Care Centre, to be located on Bathurst near Centre Street in Thornhill. The three-storey, 36,000-square foot building will serve as a drop-in and day care facility for up to 200 developmentally disabled in York Region. It is slated to open in spring, 1995.

Liberal MP Jim Peterson (left) joined Marg Gallow, Ontario's Associate Deputy Minister of Community and Social Service and Reena Foundation chair Hy Eiley at Reena's recent annual meeting. [Barry Shainbaum photo]

Presentations were made to former Reena board members Debra Feldman Pottens, Stan Raphael and Diana Swartz. Liberal member of parliament David Peterson presented former Reena chair Marilyn Raphael with a Canada 125 medal.

It was announced that Reena's current treasurer, Robert Berkovitz, will serve as the foundation's chair from 1994 to 1996.

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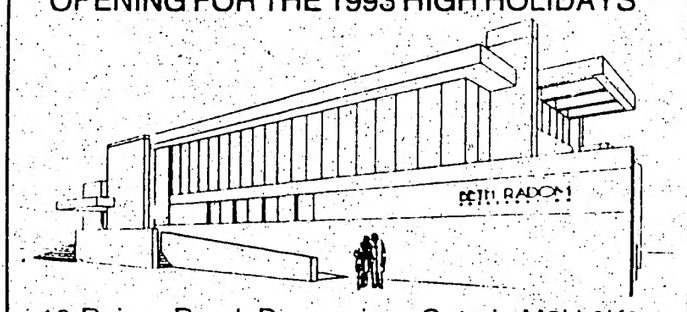

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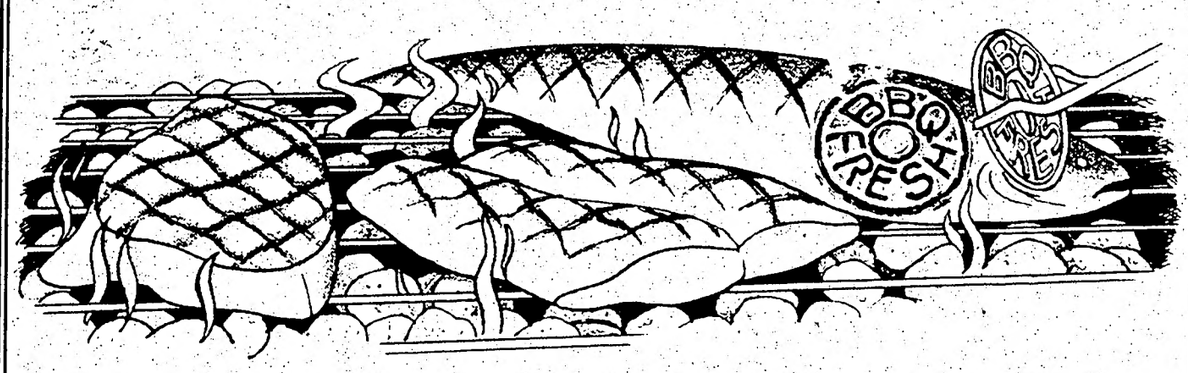

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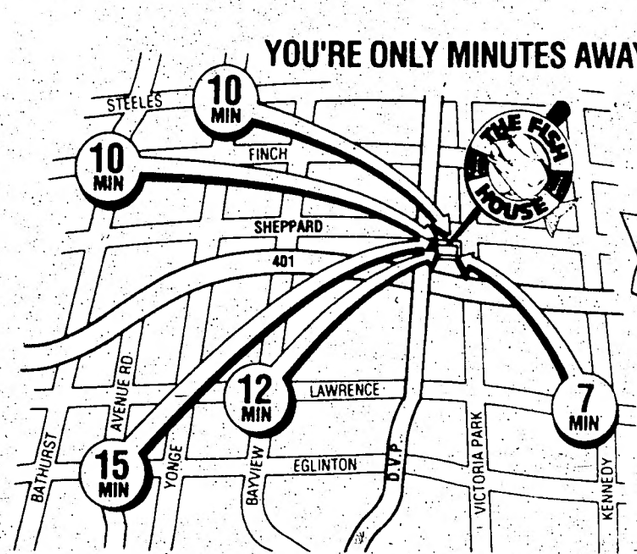

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Canadian Briefs

Holocaust education in Vancouver

VANCOUVER — Thousands of British Columbians have been provided with Holocaust education during the past year by members of the Vancouver Holocaust Centre Society, according to the society's president.

Robert Krell reported that education sessions were held in 35 venues.. Krell was speaking at the society's recent annual meeting.

Construction of The Holocaust Education Centre is well underway and completion is expected by June 1994. The education centre, which will be part of an enlarged Jewish Community Centre, will occupy 4,000 square feet. A total of $800,000 has been raised so far.

A multicultural community advisory council has been formed to advise on programming and to expand the base of community support.

Krell noted "two very precious developments" in the past year. One was the establishment of the Child Survivor Group, and the revitalizion of the Second Generation Group.

Ronnie Tessler, executive director of the society, reported that the Vancouver Foundation has provided a $5,000 grant to develop programs. A meeting was held with 18 classroom teachers and education specialists to discuss what they would like to see at a Holocaust Centre.

— Maurice Lucow

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She'arim marks bar mitzvah year

TORONTO — In marking the inauguration of its bar mitzvah year, the Dr. Abraham Shore Academy She'arim Hebrew Day School, a school for children with learning disabilities, paid tribute to its co-founders and executive director at an annual brunch held recently at Shaarei Shomayim Congregation.

Welcoming the guests, Gerry Goldberg said the three honorees, Rabbi Joseph Kelman, Rabbi Irwin Witty and Marilyn Maierovitz, made a reality out of nothing more than a dream. "They are all special people, truly worthy of the honor."

Ruth Kelman, who presented her husband with a plaque designed by school parent Laya Crust Lightstone, praised him for having the philosophy that every child is entitled to a Jewish education in accordance with his needs and the school for "giving self-esteem and self-worth to some who may have felt like failures. It has opened the door to those who may have felt behind bars."

Kurt Rothschild, presenting the plaque to Rabbi Witty, said She'arim is not just another school, but a very special school.

Rabbi Witty said that being learning disabled does not mean a child should be deprived of a Jewish education. "Our commitment is to the concept that every child is entitled to a day school education. To educate a child according to his needs and according to his way of learning is what She'arim is all about."

School principal Dori Levine gave a plaque to Maierovitz, who is leaving for Israel, for her role in understanding the need to raise awareness of the school.

Lightstone, whose eldest child has been in She'arim for two years, said her son stuggled in another school. "Here, every child is seen as an individual, where strengths are valued, accomplishments praised, and children are taught to accept each other. Children of different religious backgrounds work and play together and get along. I thank the principal, teachers and Rabbis Kelman and Witty for having the foresight to develop the school."

— Carolyn Blackman

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JCFS leader recognized

WINNIPEG — Leslie Wilder, immediate past president of the Jewish Child and Family Service (JCFS), was recognized by the Association of Jewish Family and Children's Agencies (AJFCA) with the President's Award for outstanding contributions made by a new board member. The award was presented to Wilder during the association's conference in Minneapolis in January.

A community college instructor and marketing consultant, Wilder was elected to the AJFCA board last year.

As Wilder explains, the organization was formed 20 years ago as a central office for all Jewish Child and Family Services in North America. Based in New Jersey, it assists member agencies in conducting conferences and strategic planning. The association co-ordinates the Elder Support Network and has established a joint program called Peace of Mind with Israel's Family Services Agency to connect North American parents with their children who are living in Israel.

Her term on the AJFCA board runs for two more years.

— Myron Love

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Banin receives Munk Award

TORONTO — Dr. Eyal Banin was recently named the winner of the Nicholas M. and Hedy J. Munk Award for 1994. The $10,000 award is granted every two years by Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care to help doctors who wish to pursue post-graduate work in geriatric medicine. Applications for the award are reviewed by a selection committee from Baycrest Centre, the University of Toronto and the Ontario ministry of health.

Banin, 33, is currently working on his doctorate at the Hebrew University and completing his clinical residency at Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem. He plans to use the award to continue research into cognitive impairment.

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Buchwald proves entertaining

VANCOUVER — It took almost 12 years to convince him to come, but humorist-columnist Art Buchwald was here recently to entertain close to 400 men and women at Supper with Art at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

Fay Riback, national co-chair of Hadassah-WIZO fundraising, corresponded with Buchwald for years, trying to get him to come to Vancouver to address the organization. The letters got zanier and zanier as two bantered back and forth about a possible visit. By the end of 1991 Buchwald began to weaken.

He wrote to Riback that 1993 would be a wonderful time to visit "because I'll be celebrating my 90th birthday. Do you have oxygen and other surgical equipment available? By the way, does your organization know that I'm Jewish?" (Buchwald is 67).

Six months before he was due to speak, Riback reminded Buchwald of his promise to show up May 5. His response: " 'I can't. I have to be in New Orleans that day.' The next day, there was a dead horse in my bed. So I phoned Fay and said, 'to hell with New Orleans.' "

"Gotcha," Riback said. "Thank you for making an honest woman out of me."

She told the crowd that in one of his letters, Buchwald wrote that because the correspondence had gone on for so many years, " 'you don't have to call me Mr. Buchwald anymore. Your Holiness will do.' Well, Your Holiness, now after 11½ years I hope I'll be able to write 'Dear Friend'. "

Proceeds of the event went to the Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem.

Buchwald's sense of humor knew no bounds.

When presented with an honorary life membership as a Hadassah-WIZO male associate, he said he, Walter Cronkite and Dinah Shore were recently discussing plaques and awards and agreed that to put them on a wall in one spot "would make us appear as if we're on an ego trip. So we exchange them, just to have a different look on the wall. In effect, you've made a presentation now to Walter Cronkite as well as to me."

— Maurice Lucow

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CTS closes western offices

WINNIPEG — The Canadian Technion Society is closing its western Canadian offices in Winnipeg and Vancouver in a cost-cutting measure.

The functions of the Winnipeg office, which is also responsible for Saskatchewan (Alberta is covered from the Vancouver office), are being transfered to a part time staff person working out of her home.

"We are not as active as we were," says Ron Rosenberg, president of the Manitoba chapter. "We didn't see the need for an actual office."

The Manitoba chapter was formed about 20 years ago and has about 300 members, a figure that has remained constant over the last few years.

"The community is changing," says outgoing executive director Shira Waldman. "The Canadian Technion Society has always had a good track record in keeping administrative costs to the bare minimum and maximizing the dollars that are sent to Israel. To continue that, the organization is trying a new way of doing things for a year or two. If the situation changes, maybe in a year or two a full time office will be re-opened."

— Myron Love

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The World of Golf

TORONTO — Lorne Rubinstein, golf columnist for *The Globe and Mail* and author of three golf books, entertained members of the Toronto Associates Group and their guests recently with his presentation on The World of Golf.

The evening was held as a preliminary event for the group's upcoming third annual golf tournament, being held July 14, at the Glen Eagle Golf Club for the benefit of the Pediatric Cardiology Unit at Shaare Zedek Medical Center, Jerusalem.

The tournament will feature a shotgun start at 1 p.m., a complimentary light lunch, 18 holes of golf, putting, longest ball and closest-to-the pin contests, prizes, celebrity golfers and a gourmet dinner. A portion of the $135 entrance fee will be receipted for tax purposes.

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Maccabiah athletes hope to capture gold

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — They've gone to the well twice, and on both occasions, they've come up just a bit short. But the Maccabiah softball team is hoping it's third time lucky as they travel to Israel with the hope, and expectation, of grabbing the gold medal that eluded them in 1985 and '89.

On both occasions, the boys wearing red and white dropped gold medal matches to the United States, by 2-1 margins in the best of three events.

The '89 gold-medal game was a real heartbreaker as Canada failed to capitalize on pitcher Steven Strauss' 1-hitter, and the Americans scored on an error, passed ball and single for a 1-0 victory. Canada couldn't muster a run on six hits.

Mark Bendahan, one of three pitchers on the Canadian side, is optimistic that this year's edition can gain a measure of revenge for past defeats. "We don't want to be cocky, but we feel this is the best team we've ever had," he told *The CJN*. "We have a good blend of young and old guys."

Brian Revin, head coach of the Canadian softball entry, said the team has a lot of speed and experience and is strong in both the hitting and pitching departments.

Joining power pitcher Bendahan and finesse pitcher Strauss (who Revin says has "a world-class changeup") is Murray Margolis of Vancouver, another hard thrower.

The pressure is squarely on the Americans' shoulders to repeat as gold medalists, Revin says. As in previous years, he expects the Americans to field a strong defensive team, with two or three batters who hit well. In the past, they've relied on strong pitching from their finesse hurler, a fellow named Blackburn. Although he's six foot three, 280 pounds, he doesn't overpower batters but relies on pinpoint accuracy and tries to outsmart the hitters, Revin said.

This year's format will see Canada grouped with Mexico, Panama and Argentina in one division while the United States is grouped with Venezuela, Guatemala and Israel. Each team plays three games within its division and the top two teams in each then advances to the playoff round.

The semifinal and final are single game, suddent death elimination, so there's no room for errors.

Bendahan, who plays for Toronto Gators in the International Softball Congress, said the Maccabiah team put together a 5-2 record in four days of pre-tournament exhition games against Toronto-area softball teams. The team improved game-by-game and its strong talent base is going to give Revin and assistant coach Terry Baker some problems deciding who's going to play, he said. Two guys from the '85 team, Steven Kushnir and David Bronstein have rejoined the club after missing the '89 games. The 15-man squad has a heavy Toronto flavor with Margolis from Vancouver and Warren Cohen from Montreal rounding out the team.

Mazon distributes funds

TORONTO — Mazon Canada has distributed $53,250 in its spring round of allocations to 41 food banks and agencies fighting hunger across the country.

The allocations were recently approved by Mazon's board of directors and will see sums ranging from $500 to $4,000 distributed to various community agencies. This spring's totals are more than an 11 percent increase over the last round of allocations.

Funds are distributed on a non-sectarian basis to both Jewish and non-Jewish organizations. Among the recipients are: the Albert County Action Committee of Riverview, N.B.; Beacon House Interfaith Society, Lower Sackville, N.S.; B'nai Brith Women, Vancouver; Drop-In-Centre, Montreal; Pan Tree of Life, Montreal; Sun Youth Kosher Food Bank, Montreal; Jewish Family Service, Calgary; Second Harvest, Toronto; Jewish Russian Community Centre, Toronto; and Tomchai Shabbos, Toronto.

Correspondence received by Mazon indicates the seriousness of the hunger problem, said Marilyn Aarons-Guttman, executive director of the organization.

Bikur Cholim Toronto, which received a grant of $2,000, wrote to Mazon that it continues to "try to meet the growing needs of the sick and elderly with assistance for food, as well as families in crisis who turn to us for temporary support."

Mark Zarecki, executive director of the B'nai Brith Hillel Foundation of Montreal, wrote to Mazon indicating "I am astounded at the numbers of students who have been coming in for food assistance. It is beyond our experience through the years."

Tomchei Shabbos of Montreal stated in a letter that "never did we have so many requests from needy families for food. We are now sending weekly food packages to over 70 families.

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Jewish Deaf Congress set to hold convention

TORONTO — The National Congress of Jewish Deaf will hold its 20th Biennial Convention for the first time ever in Canada August 7-14 1994.

The Congress will be hosted by the Toronto Jewish Association of the Deaf (TJAD) and will be held at the Sheraton Centre Hotel on Queen Street West in Toronto.

The theme of next summer's convention will be Yours to discover: the Canadian Jewish deaf community. TJAD, which has a membership of about 100, is hoping to attract up to 500 participants from Canada, the United States and Israel.

The convention will feature workshops, seminars, presentations and performances as part of the overall goal of networking with Jewish deaf people and sharing information.

The committee organizing the event is soliciting the participation of people interested in presenting their views on the issues facing deaf people. A variety of topics are being suggested for seminars or panel discussions: educational and social services; cultural and ethical issues; religious aspects; self-esteem and self-identity; young adults; senior citizens; and family life cycles.

Warren Miller, marketing director of TJAD's convention committee, said "the conference will be run by the deaf and by hard-of-hearing volunteers. It's a big opportunity to [show we] are capable of running it and [it allows the deaf] to meet other people and understand themselves. It is also a great meeting place for unmarried people."

Miller said the convention is requesting the financial assistance of sponsors to help provide necessary services, such as interpreters and audio-visual equipment. All contributions are tax deductible.

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Organizations and People

What's New

By
MIRIAM HERMAN

DEADLINE REMINDER

The deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date (i.e. Thursday, July 8, is deadline for July 22 issue, and Thursday, July 15, is deadline for July 29 issue. I am at my desk on Thursdays only to receive your calls and sort my mail. Phone number is 422-2331.

Also, please note since we are not publishing a July 15 issue, today's column includes items that ordinarily would have appeared July 15.

Sunday, July 11

AYJA SUMMER PATIO PARTY

Association of Young Jewish Adults, ages 22-35, is holding a Summer Patio Party at Bellair Cafe, 100 Cumberland St. (entrance on Bellair) at 8 p.m. Cover is $10. Proceeds will be donated to the Zareinu Education Centre. AYJA volunteers are needed. Call 760-4149.

PNAI ANNUAL PICNIC

Parents of North American Israelis, Toronto chapter, annual picnic is taking place at Earl Bales Park, 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bring lunch, lawn chairs and games.

Wednesday, July 14

GEMS FROM YIDDISH LITERATURE

Overbrook Cultural Club features **Nathan Garnick** in a program of Gems from Yiddish Literature, with accompaniment by guitarist **Brian Katz**. The time is 2 p.m. at 12 Heaton St. (Lodzer Centre, Bathurst and Sheppard). Members no charge, non-members $2. For information, call **Millie Herzog**, 221-7207.

Sunday, July 18

HAPPINESS..ALL IT ENTAILS

Happiness...All it Entails...The Jewish Way of Life is what **Rabbi Mordechai Blumenfeld**, lecturer, educator and psychologist, will be discussing at the Entertainment and Cultural Connection meeting at 8 p.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. Everyone, all ages, is welcome. There will be time for coffee, cake and conversation. Special tables for singles 27-39. Members free, guests $2. Co-ordinators are **Jerry** and **Sandra Genesove**.

Monday, July 19

WOMEN'S ROSH CHODESH

Shaarei Shomayim Women's Rosh Chodesh Celebration takes place 7:30 p.m. at the synagogue, followed by a shiur on the topic of Rachel. Reading material will be available in the office the week of July 12 in preparation for this event. For information, call 789-3213.

FAMILIES OF GAYS AND LESBIANS

Jewish Support Group for Families of Gays and Lesbians meets 7:30 p.m., in the foyer, Holy Blossom Temple. For more information, call, in confidence, **Ruth**, 763-9111.

Tuesday, July 20

LA LECHE LEAGUE

La Leche League of North Bathurst presents Why Breastfeed Your Baby?, focusing on the advantages of breastfeeding and current scientific discoveries about breast milk. Meetings are open to pregnant or nursing mothers. Babies are welcome. Time is 8 p.m. at 127 Chelwood, Thornhill. For information, phone **Joyce**, 881-8779 or **Robin**, 886-8364 or **Karen**, 512-7974 or **Risa**, 738-8870.

BAYCREST CHALLENGE

Geoff and Nancy Linton spent Mother's Day at the Baycrest Challenge with twins Rachel and Nathan who completed the 5-kilometre walk. More than 1,000 runners and nearly 500 walkers took part in this year's event sponsored by the Men's Service Group.

Wednesday, July 21

LUNCH AND THEATRE

Deganya chapter of Hadassah-WIZO invites you for lunch at noon followed by theatre at 2 p.m. to see the romantic comedy *Holiday* at Premier Dance Theatre, Queen's Quay Terminal, 207 Queen's Quay W. Admission is $35. Call **Hilda Green**, 782-0923.

And What Else Is New...

FAMILY REUNION

A family reunion scheduled for August in Earl Bales Park will also mark the anniversary of a picnic held in 1929 celebrating the visit to Toronto of the **Belovins** from New York. The families were descended from **Israel Politsky**, who died in Toronto at the age of 114.

Anyone connected to the **Paulin, Kroll, Webber, Grosbein, Cohen, Pearl, Markman** or **Belovin** (New York) families, and anyone else who wishes to claim ties, is invited to meet at Earl Bales Park after noon to dark for a picnic. Bring along any favorite photos, family members and/or memorabilia and meet the clan. For information and to reserve tables, call **Frances Strauss**, 635-1145 or **Margo Grosbein**, 633-1796.

HAR TIKVAH OF BRAMPTON

Har Tikvah Congregation of Brampton is sponsoring the Israeli Pavillion at Carabram for the second year. Carabram features the countries of origin of those living in Peel Region. The Israeli pavilion is open Saturday evening July 10 to 1 a.m. and Sunday, July 11, noon to 6 p.m. Passport books are $7 in advance, $9 at the door. For passports and more information, call **Susan Lander**, 846-5376.

A TIME FOR ME

The next A Time For Me program will begin July 20. This unique and exciting eight-week series, sponsored by Jewish Family and Child Service, offers people 55 years and up the opportunity to discover new skills and strengths. For registration and information, call program director **Maureen Eisenberg**, 635-2883. Fee is $20.

YOUNG SINGERS WANTED

Nathan Garnick Productions seeks teenage singers, boys and girls, for an August 10 concert. Some Yiddish is an asset, but not essential. Call 651-1131.

BAYSVILLE SYNAGOGUE

B'nai Isaac Synagogue in Baysville, Muskoka, has opened for the summer season. For information, call 636-2223 or (705) 767-3084.

VAUGHAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

The official ceremony for the laying of the cornerstone for the Bathurst Clark Library was held July 6. Objects of social and scientific interest and everyday use were placed in the building's time capsule, which will remain sealed until some time in the distant future. Winning posters from the contest for school-age children called Libraries in the Year 2000 were also included. The time capsule is located in the main entry of the new building.

KABBALAH KIDS SUMMER CAMP

Kabbalah Kids Summer Camp, for ages 4-11, is great fun in a Jewish spiritual environment. It runs August 23-Sept. 3, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and is located in the Bayview-Sheppard area. Programming includes swimming, arts and crafts, drama, dance-fitness, music with experienced counsellors. Cost is $150. For more information, call 631-9395.

JF&CS GROUPS

Jewish Family and Child Service offers the following groups:

Parenting: Our Challenge in the '90s. Parenting teens, preschoolers, school age children, single parenting and step-parenting. Begins in the fall.

Surviving Separation and Divorce. Groups discuss loneliness, anger, living alone and beginning a new life. Begins August 3.

Marriage Preparation. Discuss communication skills, parents and inlaws, rules and roles in your new "couple" status. Begins August.

For more information concerning fees and registration, call **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800.

PIANO NEEDED

Do you have an extra piano around? Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is in desperate need of one. Call **Bookie Kwart** or **Norma Steiner**, 225-2112.

CNIB VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

The Canadian National Institute for the Blind is offering a variety of interesting volunteer positions: assistants for orientation and mobility staff; short shifts at the CNIB gift shop; summer orientation program for university students; assisting volunteer co-ordinator, or assisting with summer children's rehabilitation group. For information, contact the Volunteer Centre, 481-6194.

CFHU MEETING

At the recent annual meeting of the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University (CFHU) held in Calgary, J. Stephen Lipper of Montreal was elected national president for another two-year term. Other elected national officers are vice-presidents Harold Buchwald and Yude Henteleff of Winnipeg, Rose Marie Glassman of Vancouver, Stephen Diamond and Dr. Charles Gold of Toronto, and Bernard Shuster of Montreal; treasurer Michael Shulman and secretary Mark Diamond, both of Toronto. Pictured above with Lipper (left) is Joseph Spier, Calgary chapter president, CFHU.

for seniors

LZA Seniors Club is going to see *Same Time Next Year* at Stage West Wednesday, August 4. Transportation, buffet lunch and show are included in the price. For more information, call **Libby**, 782-2059, or **Belle**, 633-5841. The Cultural Club meets Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and the Ladies Dance Group meets Tuesdays at 1 p.m. at the Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. The next luncheon meeting is Wednesday, July 14, 11:30 a.m. at the centre.

Please note that **Aluma Canadian Israeli Club** meets 7 p.m. Wednesdays (instead of Mondays) at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). Also, a summer party is planned for Sunday, August 8, at 7:30 p.m. at 15 Hove St., when the Chromatic Band will entertain. Tickets, $6 members, $8 non-members, to be purchased at meetings. For information, call 635-5604 or 782-9432.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club happenings: registration now open for Israel trip, Nov. 14-Dec. 2; the Catskills trip to Homowack Hotel, July 11-19; trips to Art Park to see *Damn Yankees* July 22 and *Anything Goes* August 12; cruise to Bobcaygeon August 26. For information on all trips and activities, call **Lena**, 785-5773, or **Ruth**, 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Your donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield**, 787-1526.

Association of Jewish Seniors is holding its annual picnic Sunday, July 25, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Earl Bales Park, Area 1. Bring lunch and chairs. Free soft drinks, refreshments, prizes and entertainment will be provided. Everyone is welcome. For information, call **Goldie Leiberman**, 635-2860.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club upcoming events: Saturday dances July 10 and 17, 7-10 p.m. (members free, non-members $1). Sunday dances with live band, July 11 and 18, 7:30-10:30 p.m. (members $4, non-members $5); movie *An American Paris* with **Lucille Ball, Henry Fonda, Van Johnson**, Wednesday, July 21, 2 p.m. (members free, non-members $1); Catskills trip to Raleigh Hotel, July 18-25 (all rooms in main building); barbecue party Sunday, August 8, 2-4 p.m. (members $5, non-members $6); day trips to Orillia with two-hour cruise Tuesday, August 10, and to Avion Sportswear and Richards Packaging Tuesday, August 24; the musical *42nd Street* at O'Keefe Centre, Thursday, August 26 matinee. For information on all events, call the office at 395-7881.

The Wagman Centre Self-Help Widows Group, 55 years and over, meets every other Sunday to help others deal with mourning and adjust to loss, share experiences and make new friends. The next meeting is July 11, from 1-2:30 p.m. in the Wagman Centre board room, 55 Ameer Ave. For information, call **Paula David**, 789-5131, ext. 2271.

On Thursdays, July 8 and 15, at 2 p.m. **Lifestyle Retirement Communities Forest Hill Place**, 645 Castlefield Ave., is presenting social worker and Yiddish activist **Richard Bassett**, who will discuss and view the Yiddish film *Zabyn Vayb's Lubovnik* (His Wife's Lover). On Thursday, July 22, there's a concert of Yiddish, Hebrew and Broadway melodies with the Jewish Community Centre Choir. Admission to these

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programs is free but seating is limited. To reserve, call **Marlene White**, 785-1511.

Join the **Sunrise Group** at the Pines Hotel in the Catskills for five days with a day in New York City, July 5-9 and August 30-Sept. 3. Cost is $495 Canadian, all inclusive. Call **Esther**, 932-2534 or **Sonya**, 889-9436.

The Travel Club has two trips coming up: two days at Chautauqua to see **Natalie Cole** August 21, and seven days at Cape Cod Oct. 7. Call **Bernice**, 633-7034 or **Edith**, 638-3652.

Come to the Catskills kosher Pines Hotel (under TABLET K) for 10 days July 30-August 8 with **Young at Heart Seniors** for $975 Canadian double occupancy, $1095 single including everything. Trip to Atlantic City is free. For information also regarding Corning trip, call **Doreen** or **Helen**, 635-6343.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone number is 225-2112.

Lifelong Learning Institute is presenting **Eugene Kash**, renowned violinist and conductor of the Ottawa Symphony, who will perform at the centre Monday, July 12, 1:30 p.m. Members $1, non-members $2.

Living Wills: The Freedom to Choose? is the topic **Marilynne Seguin**, director of Dying with Dignity, will discuss Tuesday, July 13, 1:30 p.m. Living wills are advance directives for your health care in case you should be incapacitated. This program is sponsored by the Awareness Project on Abuse of the Elderly. There is no charge. For information, call **Sheila Zane**, 225-2112.

A financial seminar entitled Past Retirement Planning with **Mindy Langer** of Laurentian Services is scheduled Monday, July 19, 1:30 p.m. No charge.

A trip for members only to Cullen Gardens is set for Tuesday, July 14. Cost is $7. Trips are available to non-members five days before event at higher cost. For information, call **Shari** at 225-2112.

Dance to the music of the Creative Band Sunday, July 11, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Members $3.50, non-members $4.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew speaking older adults, meets Wednesdays 7 p.m. Programs include movies, lectures, concerts and dances. For information, call **Anna**, 225-2112.

About People

SYNAGOGUE OFFICERS

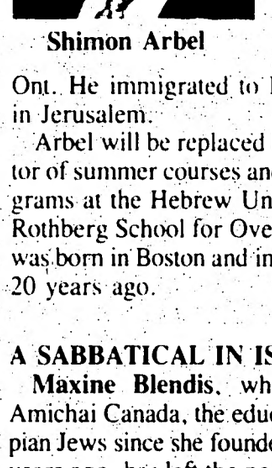
The newly elected officers of Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregation for the 1993-94 year are **Leonard Golberg**, president; **Dr. Alfred Lightstone, Marvyn Budd** and **Howard Zweig**, vice-presidents; **Steven Picov**, treasurer; **Harvey Kasman**, secretary; **Daryl Beber, Judy Jacobs** and **Frank Simkevitz**, trustees. Immediate past president is **Glenn Bowman**.

CANADA 125 MEDALS

Included in the list of recipients of Canada 125 Medals awarded for community service are **Joseph Lebovic** of Stouffville, and **Sheldon Reinsilber**, of Toronto, executive director of Delisle Youth Services.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF CANADA FELLOW

Prof. Benjamin Schlesinger, of the Faculty of Social Work, University of Toronto, has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada by the members of the Academy of Humanities and Social Sciences. Schlesinger has achieved international acclaim for his contributions in the field of socio-cultural aspects of family life, multi-problem families, the Jewish family, sexuality and the family, patterns of marriage and re-marriage, single-parent families, child and elder abuse.



Benjamin Schlesinger

RETURNING TO ISRAEL

Shimon Arbel, executive vice-president of the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University, is returning to live in Israel this month after serving as that organization's professional head for the past six years. In Jerusalem Arbel will assume the position of executive director of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem's International Board of Governors. Arbel, 39, was born and raised in Hamilton, Ont. He immigrated to Israel in 1973, settling in Jerusalem.

Shimon Arbel

Arbel will be replaced by **Yoel Nesson**, director of summer courses and special academic programs at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem's Rothberg School for Overseas Students. Nesson was born in Boston and immigrated to Israel over 20 years ago.

A SABBATICAL IN ISRAEL

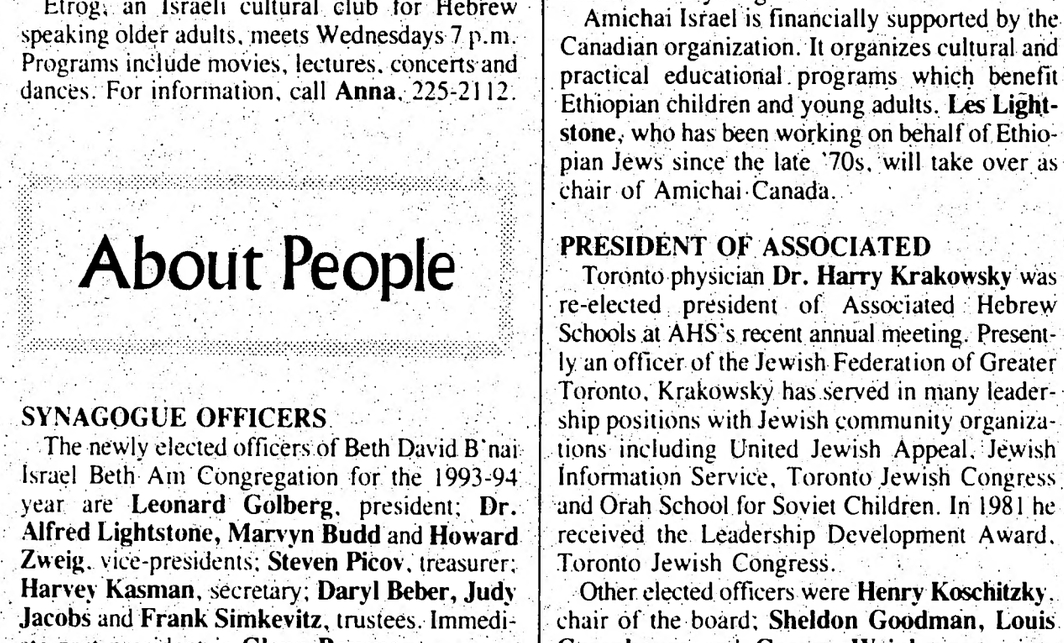
Maxine Blendis, who has been chair of Amichai Canada, the educational fund for Ethiopian Jews since she founded the organization nine years ago, has left the position to go on sabbatical in Israel. While there she will be active in Amichai Israel and work closely with Ethiopian children and young adults.

Amichai Israel is financially supported by the Canadian organization. It organizes cultural and practical educational programs which benefit Ethiopian children and young adults. **Les Lightstone**, who has been working on behalf of Ethiopian Jews since the late '70s, will take over as chair of Amichai Canada.

PRESIDENT OF ASSOCIATED

Toronto physician **Dr. Harry Krakowsky** was re-elected president of Associated Hebrew Schools at AHS's recent annual meeting. Presently an officer of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, Krakowsky has served in many leadership positions with Jewish community organizations including United Jewish Appeal, Jewish Information Service, Toronto Jewish Congress and Orah School for Soviet Children. In 1981 he received the Leadership Development Award, Toronto Jewish Congress.

Other elected officers were **Henry Koschitzky**, chair of the board; **Sheldon Goodman, Louis Greenbaum** and **George Weinberger**, vice-presidents; **Brian Lass**, treasurer; **Israel Mida**, secretary; **Mordechai Ben-Dat** and **Prof. Michael Brown**, co-chairs, Vaad Hachinuch; and **Michael Cadesky**, chair, budget and finance committee.



SCIENCE FAIR

Leo Baeck Day School senior students held a very successful Science Fair exhibiting and explaining the science experiments they had been working on in school. Marissa Zeiderman (left) and Ilana Blidner are shown with their experiment about rising juices.

JNF AWARDS

Each year, JNF Canada presents the Esther and Eric Exton Education Award to those individuals who, by their devotion and efforts to the aims of JNF in the schools, universities and colleges, have contributed to the increased awareness and involvement of the students in Judaism and Zionism. The 1993 Award will be shared by Rabbi William Eisenstein, principal of Hamilton Hebrew Academy; Tiki Goldenberg, teacher, Vancouver Talmud Torah and JNF education representative; and Doris Bronstein, principal of Ottawa Talmud Torah.

NEW GRAD

University of Toronto chancellor Rose Wolfe congratulates Dr. Ian Gliklich (right) after his recent convocation. Gliklich was one of 242 new doctors produced by the university's Medical School, and one of thousands receiving their degrees from Wolfe during last month's rite of passage in Convocation Hall. [Istvan Pataki photo]

CZF CONFERENCE

Ruth Leroy passes the president's gavel to incoming president Avrom Gossack at the recent Canadian Zionist Federation Regional Conference held at Beth Sholom Synagogue. Installing officer was Kurt Rothschild, CZF national president. Also installed were Sidney Greenberg, executive vice-president; Meir Schwartz, treasurer; Miriam Grunwald, recording secretary; Barbara Grossman, corresponding secretary; Howard Warren, Israel affairs; Tillie Margolis, public relations and publicity; Dr. Howard Langer, hasbara (information); Shalom Schachter, education; Sam Polster, young adults; Robbie Feldman, youth. [Mollie Rothman photo]

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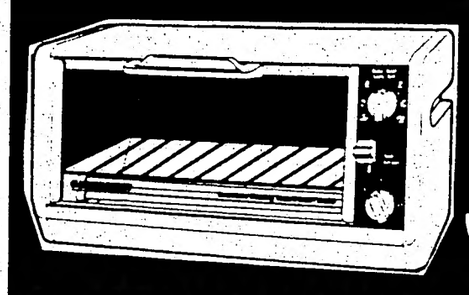

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By MIRIAM SOBEL

OTTAWA — Once a year Ottawa honors its outstanding emerging and seasoned leaders with its top two awards.

This year the Jewish Community Council presented its highest award, the Gilbert Greenberg Distinguished Service Award, to Irving Rivers, a lifetime Ottawa resident and a graduate of "BWMU, Byward Market University, the school of hard knocks."

Rivers was born and raised in the Byward Market and for 43 years has been in business there. His store, Irving Rivers Ltd. which sells men's work clothing like construction boots and parkas, is an Ottawa institution.

For most of his life, Rivers has been a volunteer for the Jewish community, often directing projects from his store.

"If only his telephone could write a history of all his activities, it would write a history of the Jewish community," Eli Rabin, chair of the awards committee, told an audience at the annual general meeting, where the award was presented.

Rivers has been a leader — president of the Jewish Community Centre, chair of the State of Israel Bonds, president of the Jewish National Fund, president of his synagogue, president of B'nai Brith, and chair of several committees — but has willingly joined the rank and file to work at fundraising bingos and canvass for the United Jewish Appeal.

"My father taught us when someone comes looking for something, you help," Rivers said of his lifelong volunteer career.

The award is given annually to someone for long and exceptional service to the Jewish community.

"It's a beautiful thing," said Rivers, who was deeply moved by the award. "You can't buy this kind of thing."

The Freiman Family Young Leadership award was given to Margo Schwartz, 34, a relative newcomer to Ottawa. The award recognizes the contributions of people under age 40.

Schwartz, a foreign service officer with External Affairs, started volunteering in the Ottawa Jewish community as soon as she arrived eight years ago from a posting in Kenya.

She began as a volunteer making a daily phone call and becoming a friendly visitor to an elderly person in the community. Within a few years she was on the board of Jewish Family Services, and then became its president. She joined the United Jewish Appeal and became a committed fundraiser. Three years ago she was invited to join the inaugural Young Women's Leadership Council, a training ground for future women community leaders. This year she chairs the council.

Shwartz credited her 93-year-old grandmother "who still goes to work every day and plays bridge two nights a week" for giving her a sense of commitment.

Raised six children

Her grandmother came to Cape Breton as a child. Widowed at 32 while pregnant with her sixth baby, she raised six children herself and ran a successful clothing business. Schwartz grew up in Cape Breton and her parents still live there.

Her other role model, her father, is such an active volunteer that her mother calls him the 'past president' because he is past president of everything that goes on in Cape Breton.

Wherever she has lived, Schwartz has volunteered in the Jewish community.

"I have always received much more than I have given and that's especially true in Ottawa," said Schwartz, who leaves soon for a four year posting in London, England. "I have given my time and some of my resources, but in return I've found a home."

This year's annual meeting also marked the end of term for Jewish Community Council president Maureen Molot. The new president for a two-year term will be Bernard Dolansky.

Former Israeli general stresses importance of Israel's youth

By BILL GLADSTONE

TORONTO — Uzi Narkiss, known as the liberator of Jerusalem for his role in the Six Day War, opened the Labor Zionist Alliance of Canada's national convention here recently with some wide-ranging comments about Israel-Diaspora relations, the current peace talks and a war hero's reminiscences.

A former general and the current chair of the Zionist Delegation to North America, Narkiss was greeted with a standing ovation by his audience of about 200 people, mostly elderly. Israeli-born, he told them: "When I was a youth, the Diaspora for us meant nothing — they [the Jews of the Diaspora] didn't come and we didn't need them. We were two hundred thousand Jews in Israel and we could do everything ourselves. Now I've changed my mind completely."

Reporting that some 4,000 Jews from the former Soviet Union still arrive in Israel each month, he envisioned a time when the Jewish state is home to six or seven million Jews. "When that happens, Israelis will become much more sure of themselves," he said. "We will be a big country without fearing the Arabs. But the future, as always, depends upon the youth."

Looking around the audience in the main hall of the Borochov Cultural Centre, Narkiss lamented that there were no young people present. "They're not so interested in all our deliberations," he observed.

However, he sounded more optimistic about the current peace process. "The fact that once in a while, Jews and Arabs from the Middle East come to Washington to talk around a table about a possible peace, this in itself is something that has never taken place in our lifetime."

The peace talks have already brought positive dividends, Narkiss said, citing Kuwait's lifting of the Arab boycott against companies that do business with Israel. Even without official peace, economic development of the Middle East could only improve relations between Israel and her neighbors, he said.

He recalled an interesting anecdote he had heard first hand about Nasser. During the course of an interview, Narkiss related, an American journalist had suggested to the intransigent former Arab leader: "Why don't you make peace with Israel, and after 15 years you can attack them and throw them into the sea?" Nasser replied: "After 15 years, my people will forget and they'll ask, 'Why do we have to fight Israel?' "

Narkiss recalled the circumstances surrounding Israel's "open bridges" policy with Jordan, whereby both bridges over the Jordan River remain open and operational despite a lack of official diplomatic relations between the countries they connect.

After the Six Day War, the Israeli commander of the northern part of the West Bank (Samaria) asked Narkiss if he wanted to see something fantastic, then took him by helicopter and jeep to a ridge near Beit Shean overlooking the Jordan River. "I looked down and I saw tens of trucks filled with the harvest of the Jordan Valley, crossing the Jordan River," recalled the former Israeli general. "I turned to the commander and I asked, 'Who authorized you to do [allow] this?' He said, 'You, now.' "

Understanding the good sense of exporting the West Bank harvest to the Arab world rather than to Israeli marketplaces, Narkiss decided to use the Samarian commander's tactic on Moshe Dayan, with whom he had to clear the operation. "Do you want to see something fantastic?" he asked Dayan, then led him by helicopter and jeep to the same ridge. Seeing the activity below, Dayan asked, "Who authorized you to do this?" "You, now," came Narkiss' reply. Dayan, too, approved of the arrangement, even considered building some bridges. Later, King Hussein of Jordan insisted on constructing new bridges using Arab money.

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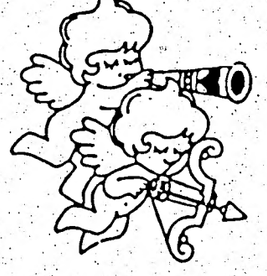

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Hamilton JNF Negev Dinner pays tribute to Gerald Swaye

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON — A brief but impassioned appeal by Burlington South MPP Cam Jackson for "the strongest possible support" for the Jewish National Fund drew prolonged applause from the 465 guests attending the recent 40th annual JNF Negev Dinner.

The dinner at Adas Israel Synagogue was in tribute to lawyer Gerald Swaye, past president of the Hamilton-Wentworth and Area Jewish Federation, past chair of the Hamilton UJWF campaign and current chair of the Ontario Regional Council, United Israel Appeal.

Bringing greetings on behalf of the province of Ontario, Jackson said that "now that the same kind of terrorism that the people of Israel have had to live with all these years is beginning to show its ugly face here in North America, we are beginning to realize that Israel's battle is ours as well."

Referring to recent anti-Semitic incidents in Toronto and Kitchener, he called for the strengthening of hate laws and "our resolve, because for those of us in public life, regardless of political background and partisanship, to do nothing is to condone it with our silence and our inaction."

Swaye was lauded for his dedication to Israel, concern for his community, support of numerous causes, his professional excellence and quiet, behind-the-scenes aid of those in need.

"We are honoring a man," said Federation president Abe Szpirglas, "who defines the word 'leadership,' a man who takes on challenges no matter how difficult and deals with them effectively and successfully."

The official presentation of the Negev Dinner citation was made by Judge David Steinberg, a boyhood friend, who commended Swaye's "dedication to the needs of Israel" and his leadership abilities, which had resulted in many new young people joining the UJA campaign and being drawn into leadership positions.

On behalf of the government of Israel, consul and trade commissioner Benjamin Noy expressed pleasure at being amongst "so many Canadians who care about Israel and are here to demonstrate their support," while national JNF president Alan I. Posluns commented on Hamilton's "remarkable record of support for the JNF."

Saying that proceeds from the event will go towards creating a recreation area in the Jerusalem Peace Forest, Posluns emphasized that the area will serve both Jews and Arabs.

Hamilton West Liberal MP Stan Keyes not only brought greetings from Jean Chretien, but filled in for Minister of State and Transport Shirley Martin, with greetings from then-Prime Minister Brian Mulroney.

In his response, Swaye paid eloquent tribute to his family, friends, associates and community.

And he also told guests that "one person can indeed make a difference. Each of us here this evening is only one person but combined. We are a community, a committee, a force to be reckoned with. A willingness to help others is the most brotherly thing any of us can do."

Dinner chair was Lorne Richler and others taking part included Rabbi Morton Green of Adas Israel Synagogue; Rabbi Israel Silverman of Beth Jacob Congregation and Rabbi Irwin Zeplowitz of Temple Anshe Sholom.

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Rucker stresses continuity to maintain Judaism over years

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO — In order to ensure that our children and grandchildren remain Jews, we must learn to define and live our own Jewish lives, says the editor of *The Canadian Jewish News*.

"If one reason for being Jewish is the sense of community that it brings, then we must live Jewishly at a family level. There has to be a congruence between what we say and what we do, what our children are taught at Jewish schools and what they see at home," Patricia Rucker told a capacity audience at the third annual Dr. Dorothy H. Sone memorial lecture held recently at Adath Israel Synagogue.

"Children learn to be parents from their parents and they will bring their children up the way they were brought up. If the only place they have seen a Jewish family in operation is at the bubbie's, where will their children see a Jewish family?"

Rucker spoke of a 1990 survey by The Council of Jewish Federations that revealed 52 percent of Jews in the United States married a non-Jew between 1985 and 1990. A similar survey by the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto found that 10 percent of Canadian Jews who married since 1986 married non-Jews. "We're behind but we're catching up fast," she said.

Rucker did not blame intermarriage on interdating. "The only way to prevent intermarriage is to develop such a strong sense of Jewish identity that living in a home that is not fully Jewish is unthinkable."

She said that nostalgia for the ancestral way of life is not going to keep our children Jewish and an interest in things Jewish, such as music, intellectual accomplishments or food are simply that — an interest in things Jewish. "But that is not what makes them Jewish."

But if we maintain our traditions, rituals and family celebrations as an integral and natural part of our lives as Jews, then the sense of being part of a people will be one reason for being Jewish.

Rucker said children whose parents have no memory of the Holocaust may not find meaning behind the answer that they must remain Jewish to honor the memory of the six million Jews who perished. "If we turn that argument from negative to positive, however, we can begin to see how it can work. We have survived as a people, in spite of dispersion and persecution, because we believed we had a special place in the unfolding of the destiny of the world.

"It's an extraordinary heritage that offers young people the possibility of being both uniquely themselves and yet part of something greater — a share in the eternity of the Jewish people. I believe this can have a powerful appeal."

She conceded that it is possible for someone with a strong sense of Jewish identity to marry a non-Jew "but the decision to do so will not be taken lightly and the question of Jewish identity will be a major factor in that decision."

As for conversion, Rucker, herself a convert, said that if our children are brought up with a strong Jewish identity, then "I think that conversion will become a rare, genuine and very special way of preventing intermarriage and those of us in conversionary marriages will be accepted for what we are — those who love not only a Jew, but the Jewish people."

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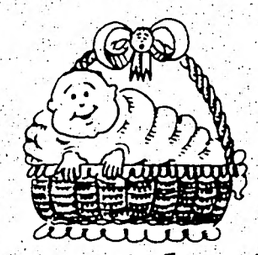
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Governments urged to crack down on hatemongers

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — In the wake of vicious attacks on Tamil immigrants and with concern over neo-Nazi recruitment of young people mounting, the provincial government has come under added pressure to take legal action against hatemongers.

Last week, more than 1,000 demonstrators gathered at a downtown Toronto parkette in a show of solidarity with the Tamil community in the wake of a third brutal attack on a Tamil. A spokesman for Metro's Tamil community called on politicians to enforce Canada's anti-hate laws to deter hatemongers.

Meanwhile, representatives of Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai Brith's League for Human Rights called on the Metro Council Action Committee to Combat Racism to urge Queen's Park to take steps to combat racism.

In a brief presented to the committee, Louis Lenkinski, chair of community relations for Congress's Ontario region, said Metro Council could "play a pivotal role in advocating on behalf of its citizenry and ensuring that the police use all the tools at its disposal to minimize hate group activity."

Lenkinski told the committee that police officers stood outside the venue of a recent concert at which a skinhead band, Rahowa, played songs like "Let's go coon-hunting tonight."

Later that night, a Tamil dishwasher was viciously assaulted and put into a coma. He remains partially paralyzed.

Deputy Chief David Boothby of the Metropolitan Toronto Police Force later challenged Congress spokesman Bernie Farber to indicate how he knew police did not enter the venue and surveil the situation. He did not indicate, however, that police did enter the scene.

Farber told reporters he relied on two sources for his information.

Boothby said police had "on a regular basis" passed to the attorney-general's office incidents of hate messages that could have warranted charges.

Under Canada's anti-hate law, the consent of the attorney-general is required to commence a case. A spokesman for Attorney-General Marion Boyd was unavailable for comment.

In her remarks to the Council Action Committee, League spokeswoman Rochelle Wilner outlined a broad range of activities that could be taken to combat hate.

She called for: a more rapid processing of human rights complaints by the Ontario Human Rights Commission (OHRC); a provision in the Ontario Human Rights Code against racist and derogatory symbols; the establishment of a multi-level federal, provincial and municipal task force to co-ordinate activities against racist groups; greater penalties for racially-motivated crimes; the strengthening of anti-racism education in schools.

Wilner also pointed to the recent creation of the Human Rights Youth League to assist young people to develop constructive, non-violent strategies to oppose racism and anti-Semitism.

Meanwhile, Solicitor-General David Christopherson said a new policy will be announced within a month to help police close down telephone hate lines. The announcement came in the wake of a meeting with Congress representatives and of the OHRC.

Speaking engagement protested

Farber said the province should use legislation now in place to combat racists who flout anti-hate laws.

In Flesherton, Ont., about 100 kms northwest of Toronto, 30 anti-racism demonstrators turned out recently to protest a speaking engagement in a local Royal Canadian Legion Hall by Ron Gostick, a member of the far-right, said David Sugarman, a spokesman for the group.

At Queen's Park, Conservative MPPs Charles Harnick and Don Cousens introduced two private members bills that would allow members of identifiable groups to take legal action against those who promote hate.

"The key aspect of this (civil rights protection) bill is that it allows individuals to protect their own civil rights without the prior consent of the attorney-general of Ontario," Harnick said.

Harnick and Cousens said lack of action by the provincial government in the wake of increasing racist incidents led them to propose the bills.

Citizenship Minister Elaine Ziemba condemned recent attacks on Tamils and said, "My colleague, the attorney-general and I are currently discussing stronger measures to deal with racially-motivated crime. I will also be meeting with members of the Tamil community to discuss strategies which will help prevent future occurrences of the kind of racial violence suffered recently by this community."

SINGLES EVENTS

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The CJN encourages readers to direct any queries they might have on an upcoming event to the event's organizers.

JCC New Leadership Program presents The 5th Annual Tu B'Av Festival Party, Thursday, July 29, 7:30pm, North Y Branch, 4588 Bathurst Street. Barbeque, Nu Rhythm live band, door prizes. $18 in advance, $25 at door. For more information & tickets call 631-5658.

Marcia Levine and Jeff Perlmutar present a **Singles Tennis Roundrobin and Dance** on Sunday, July 18 at The Valley Tennis Club, 7015 Leslie St., (north of Steeles). Tennis and dance- non-members $15.00, members $10.00. Dance only, $10.00. Tennis at 7:00pm, dance 8:30pm. Tennis reservations a must. For more information call Marcia, 889-0813.

Toronto's Orthodox Singles present Atlantic City (Shabbat Nachamu Weekend), July 30-August 1. Call Sharon Ganz 785-0761, Ruth Balofsky 764-5833, Marshall Deltoff 783-4914.

VIEWPOINTS will meet Thursday, July 8th. 7:30. Beth Tzedec. Speaker: Debbie Cowitz, Jewish Dateline. $5.00. Refreshments. Evelyn-781-9245.

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Travel

TRAVEL TALK

By LEN BUTCHER

By the time you read this, an event which had the potential for catastrophic results, will have taken place. Thankfully, as I sit here at my obsolete computer so graciously supplied by **The Canadian Jewish News**, I, and I'm sure the entire populace of **Greater Metro**, can breathe a collective sigh of relief. Our fair city is still standing. Our citizens safe.

I'm referring, of course, to the annual **CHIN Bikini Contest**. There, I've said it. I hope the mere mention of it again won't get your blood boiling. Come on, now. Put down those protest signs. The point is, **Toronto the Good** has survived, its values intact, its moral fibre stronger than ever.

And maybe, just maybe, next year that feisty **Johnny Lombardi**, host of one of the largest and most popular public picnics in **Canada**, will see the error of his ways. How dare he ignore the rantings and railings of a small group of frustrated feminists? What do tens of thousands of people, male and female, who flock not only to his picnic, but to the bikini contest, know?

Doesn't he realize that **Canada**, particularly **Toronto**, quakes in the face of minority displeasure?

Does it matter to **Toronto the Good** what the majority wants? Does it matter how the women in the contest feel about it? Is anyone forcing the women to enter, or the public to watch? I think not.

If this city was as concerned and spent as much energy in finding solutions to the soaring crime rate or the deplorable traffic situation, it may well enhance its image as a world-class (Toronto's words, not mine) city.

Now, what does all this have to do with travel? Absolutely nothing, but seeing as how this is my column, I'm allowed to take a few liberties.

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Jewish singles vacation, a group tour organized for Jewish singles from across North America, has announced the itineraries for two summer vacation packages.

The first trip will be to the **Canadian Maritime** provinces — **Nova Scotia (Halifax), Prince Edward Island** and **New Brunswick**. The trip will take place from July 11 to 18. The second vacation, a 10-day trip to **California (San Francisco to Los Angeles)**, will occur from August 12 to August 22. Both trips are for Jewish singles, ages 22-45.

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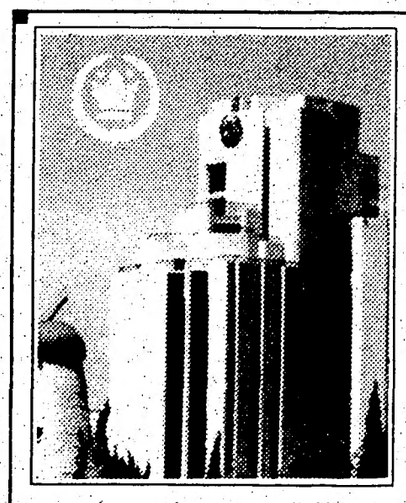

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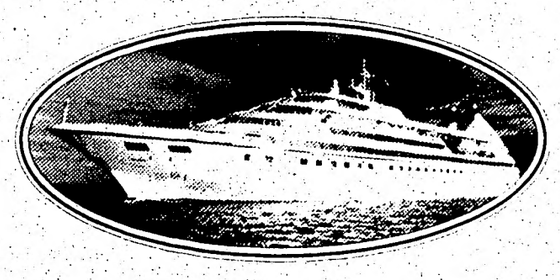

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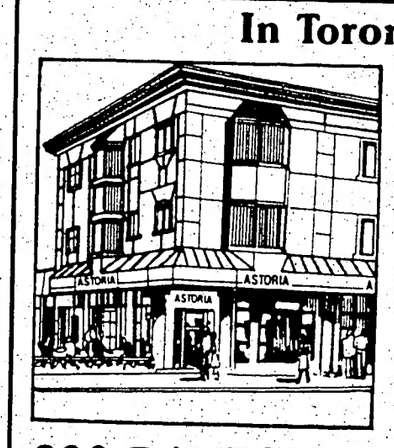

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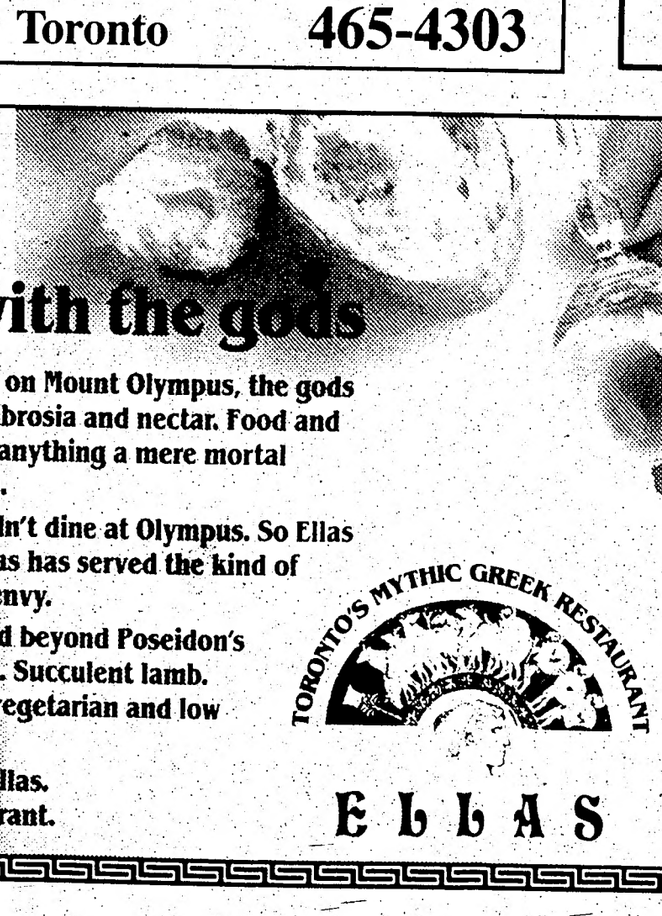

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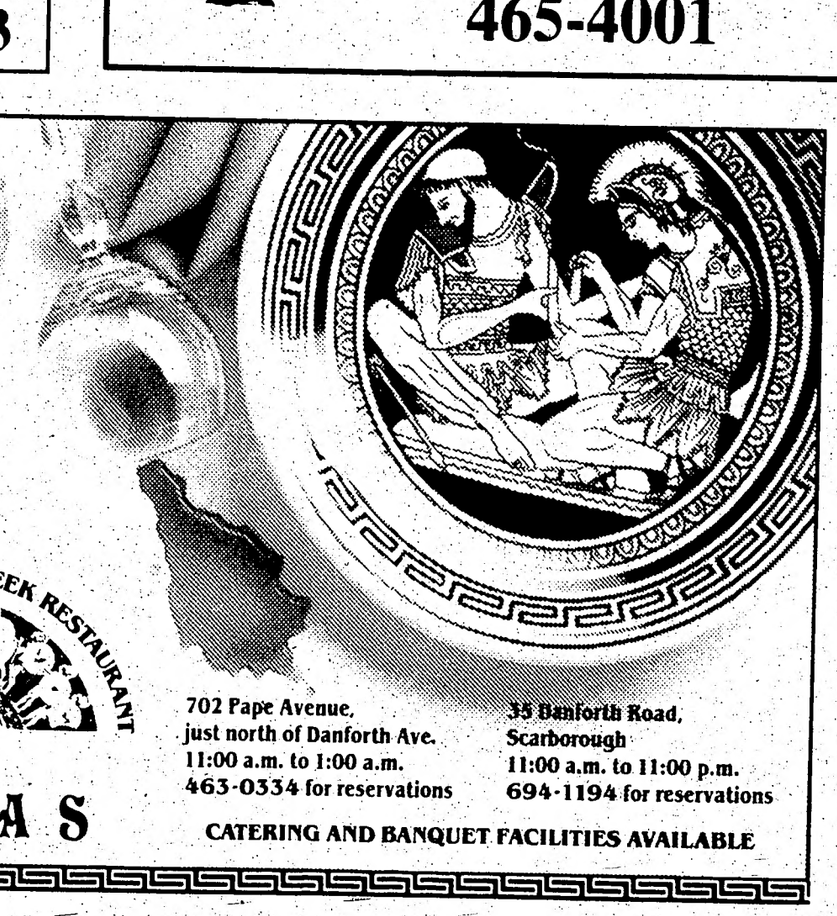

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The Ouzeri's menu is impressive, consisting of over 100 items that aim to satisfy everyone from vegetarians to lovers of honey-soaked desserts. Only high-quality ingredients are used and everything is made from scratch right on the premises so freshness is guaranteed.

The restaurant specializes in delicious appetizers and they offer an almost endless variety. Among them is tzatziki, a favorite made with yogurt, cucumbers, garlic and seasoning. Also, mushrooms a la Greeka, is a serving of butter-fried mushrooms accompanied with green onions, basil, and garlic.

Main courses are masterpieces at this fabulous spot. Along with a full menu of tempting traditional Greek fare, the Ouzeri serves a selection of fine entrees that are sure to become the new classics of the 90s.

For example, one can indulge in a delectable chicken pie. Made with pine nuts and spices, including rosemary the pie is wrapped in heavenly filo pastry. There is also seafood spaghetti which comes with plentiful shrimps, clams, scallops and shark, and is seasoned with saffron.

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Apart from the great food and the incredible selection of wine, the Ouzeri has an appealing atmosphere including fine music and eye-catching decor. Food, wine and atmosphere are the ingredients to a recipe that creates line-ups stretching half a block long.

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Everything from Christina's kitchen is made from scratch with fresh ingredients. On top of traditional Greek fare, they offer an ever-expanding selection of fabulous pasta dishes that are always in demand from their health-conscious customers.

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Their late-night business has boomed, Dean says, because many night clubs are open even later and more people are having to work around the clock. The night crowd includes media personalities and show business people, who gather at Christina's because they know they can get a perfect plate of pasta and chicken in the wee hours.

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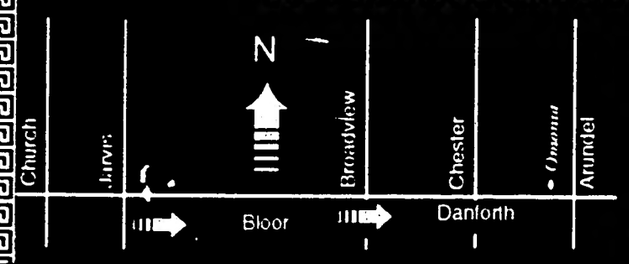

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Makhelat Reena choir presents lively arrangement

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO — When the young Makhelat Reena choir members all donned dark glasses, this funky gesture was a sign that they wanted everybody to have a good time as they sang *I Had a Little Dreydl* in an uptempo arrangement. And everybody did.

It was part of the international Joy of Singing Festival, the Makhelat Reena choir being the only Jewish youth choir invited to take part in the festival.

In the concert at Beth Sholom Synagogue, Conductor Marilyn Birenbaum had the choir sing a well-balanced program of Hebrew, Yiddish, Sephardic and Israeli numbers, with the emphasis on lively arrangements that the young choir members obviously enjoyed.

This was particularly true of the Yiddish songs *Tumbalalaika* and *Zug Zug Zug* arranged by Srul Irving Glick.

Most impressive was the rendition of the traditional Sephardic piece, *Amen Shem Nora* in which soloist Cantor Efraim Sapir of Beth Tikvah Synagogue inspired the choir members to a deeper and more intense sound.

The choir made a delightful entrance, taking the stage in a procession to the music of *Siman Tov* by Shlomo Carlebach, played by Michael Rumack, tof, Andy Lulka, guitar, and Natalya Tyomkina, piano.

A last-minute and most welcome addition to the program was a number *Eli, Eli*, prepared by choir members Emma Sevitt, May Dalume and Eve Pinchefsky based on a poem by the Jewish heroine Hannah Senesh.

There was a sobering footnote to a thoroughly enjoyable time when Birenbaum announced that this was the choir's last concert unless somebody steps forward with financial help. She has carried it so far mostly on her own, Birenbaum said, but she has reached the end of the road. She thanked the Council of Hazzanim for covering last year's deficit and Beth Tikvah Synagogue for providing reheasal space.

Choir members taking part were Lisa Bordan, May Delume, Alan Gasser, Andy Lulka, Carol Mirallim, Ron MacAulay, Barbara Nachman, Eve Pinchefsky, Paula Rotenberg, Rafi Solomon, Emma Sevitt, Tracey Segal, Laura Shell and Suba Sankaran.

Makhelat Reena youth choir.

Winnipeg Jewish artists' works to be displayed in Hungary

By MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG — Two prominent Winnipeg Jewish artists of Hungarian origin have become the first Canadians to have their works exhibited in Hungary.

The exhibition at the Vaserely Museum in Budapest is featuring sculptor Eva Stubbs' installation, Memories For The Future, and some of the 34 pieces that comprise artist Caroline Dukes' At The Focus Of Forces from July 8 to August 8. They are part of series of exhibitions showing the work of Hungarian expatriates who have done well.

Dukes is the more recent arrival in Canada. She and her husband, Alfred, fled Hungary after the uprising in 1956. They lived in Toronto for nine years then moved to Winnipeg when Alfred Dukes was offered a job here.

Dukes had studied art in Hungary but didn't pursue her career in Canada until she settled in Winnipeg and attended the University of Manitoba School of Fine Arts. Since she began working as an artist, she has had a lengthy list of exhibitions in Winnipeg galleries and elsewhere in Canada and the United States. She exhibited at the Yad Vashem Art Museum in Jerusalem and has been listed in *Who's Who In American Art*.

At The Focus Of Forces was inspired by a trip to Jerusalem and the archaeological, architectural and spiritual significance of the city. The Building series of the installation will be displayed in Hungary. It involves architectural, land and figurative symbols representing the evolution of layers of civilization at the convergence of historical past and volatile present.

For Stubbs, Hungary is a much more distant memory. The daughter of the late Joseph Wolinsky, she left Hungary with her family in 1939 when she was 13. The family spent the war years in Tangier. They were among the first group of refugees allowed into Canada after the war.

The invitations to Dukes and Stubbs came about through contacts they made in Hungary over the last three years. Dukes made the original contact by letter and Stubbs followed up last year during her first visit to Hungary since leaving.

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Arts

Books

By BERNARD BASKIN

Writing Our Way Home: Contemporary Stories by American Jewish Writers Edited by Ted Solotaroff & Nessa Rapoport (Schocken Books $29.00)

Jews love to tell stories. The Bible is replete with narratives and engaging accounts from the saga of Joseph and his brothers to the encounter between David and Goliath, from the astonishing episode of the collapse of the walls of Jericho to the tragic tale of Samson.

A considerable portion of the Talmud contains parables, anecdotes and homilies, biographical sketches about the sages and folkloric fantasies.

In the Middle Ages the widely popular Maasah Book as well as the Book of Delight continued and enhanced the story telling tradition. The Chassidim of the 18th and 19th centuries in Eastern Europe fashioned tales about their wonder working rebbes as they pondered the enigmatic and elaborate allegories of Rabbi Nachman of Bratslav.

In our own time — and somewhat earlier — famous Jewish story tellers in a variety of languages have included Franz Kafka, Isaac Babel, Sholom Aleichem, Doris Lessing, S. Y. Agnon and Primo Levi.

Writing Our Way Home is a compilation of 24 American Jewish stories written since 1967 — more than half of them by women. Although the authors differ in style, intent and ability, almost all of them, directly or obliquely, draw inspiration from their Jewish tradition.

Some of the authors come with formidable reputations. These include Saul Bellow, E. L. Doctorow, Mark Helprin, Bernard Malamud, Cynthia Ozick, Philip Roth and I. B. Singer. Many of the others are younger writers who display unusual promise and marked literary excellence. Among these are Max Apple, Allegra Goodman, Daphne Merkin, Grace Paley and Lynne Sharon Schwartz.

Reflecting the major concerns and problems of the past three decades, the stories are concerned with such themes as the emergence of feminism, the ongoing influence of the Holocaust, the search for Jewish identity, the inroads of assimilation, the flight from and the return to Jewishness, the impact of Israel, family conflict and resolution and the quest for religious meaning and assurance.

In his introduction to the stories Ted Solotaroff writes that "the religious and the secular, the experimental and the traditional, the realistic and the surreal cohabit and sometimes nuzzle, more or less peaceably."

In Ozick's *Bloodshed* a Jewish agnostic visits a chassidic community. He exhibits mingled emotions of affection and alienation. An outspoken rebbe reproves him. "We are not South Sea islanders, sir, our practices are well known since Sinai. You don't have to turn your glance." In the end the questing agnostic comes to terms with both the believer and the apostate within himself.

A Party in Miami Beach by I. B. Singer brings together a sophisticated writer with a wealthy Holocaust survivor who had recently suffered the loss of four members of his family in a car accident. What emerges is an awakening of new understanding, a form of spiritual catharsis for both figures.

Grace Paley in *Zagrowsky Tells*, portrays with subtle humor the feelings of a Jewish pharmacist who had been accused of racism toward his African American customers only to find himself a doting grandfather of a boy of mixed racial descent.

It is often confidently asserted that the heyday of Jewish creativity in American literature is irretrievably gone. This brilliant collection of stories refutes that suggestion. The 24 splendid writers in this anthology make clear that Jewish creativity in late twentieth century America will continue to flourish — and even dazzle.

Wet weather fails to dampen spirits at Yiddish concert

By CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO — From the first notes of the upbeat Rumanian-Serbian-Jewish Dance, *As the Angels Sing*, played by Rick Kardonne's Toronto Klezmer Band, to the encore of *Mezinke*, a lively Jewish piece in a minor key, the annual Open Air Yiddish Concert captivated the more than 2,000 people who attended.

Due to rain earlier in the day, the concert, sponsored by the committee for Yiddish of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto (JFGT), was moved indoor to the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue.

The program, which featured Claire Klein Osipov and Michael Lebovic along with the klezmer group, was a roaring success as it combined the nostalgia of Yiddish concerts of the past and a contemporary adaptation of klezmer jazz. Saul Berman was the chair of the concert committee and Sylvia Lustgarten coordinated the event.

Richard Bassett, a Yiddish activist and past president of the Friends of Yiddish, which is open to members of the community who are interested in Yiddish, served as the master of ceremonies and balanced his remarks in Yiddish and English. Mayor Mel Lastman brought greetings from the City of North York and in his tzebrochena (broken) Yiddish told jokes, touted the new theatre to be opened in North York and congratulated the committee for keeping Yiddish culture alive.

Greetings were also brought by Phil Alter, secretary of the JFGT who stressed the importance of Yiddish in the past and present, and committee chair Gerry Kane, who spoke of the courses in Yiddish and Yiddish literature at the University of Toronto, which are funded by the community through donations.

Claire Klein Osipov, one of the featured guest performers at the Yiddish Concert. (M. Miller photo)

Lebovic, who has distinguished himself as both a singer and storyteller, told of the revolution in Jewish thought after the terrible disaster of Shabbati Tzvi. The Ba'al Shem Tov, he said, brought a compelling new dimension to Judaism by adding song and the love of nature. Chassidishe niggun (melodies) without words that could easily be learned and sung over and over again, added a new spirituality to study and prayer.

Lebovic's *Yossel Ber Dient in Militair* displayed his comic quality and the repetition of the chorus brought the audience a-tapping with a sing-along and hand clapping. The raconteur told of *The Oleh from Shanghai* by Dzigan. Dressed as a Chinese Jew, payes and all, Lebovic humorously told of a Chassid who ended up in China after World War II and his confrontation with the culture of Communism. Describing his travails, the Chassid said his Chinese restaurant failed "because Chinese could not eat cholent with chopsticks."

Toronto-born Klein Osipov accompanied by ethnomusicologist and composer Wendy Bross Stuart, brought Yiddish songs of yesteryear to life. Opening with a medley of three songs, she exhibited the love, pathos and humor that permeate Yiddish music. Her lullabies were both tender and sprightly and *Niggun*, with it's Chiri Bim Bam Bam chorus, was particularly memorable; a Chassid having a dialogue with G-d as he drinks more and more wine and becomes at peace with G-d and himself.

The Toronto Klezmer Band, led by Kardonne, a pianist, conductor, composer and lyricist, captivated with *Shver tzu Zein a Yid*, an original Yiddish-style melody by Kardonne. Other members of the band took turns exhibiting their musical talents with a variety of special Yiddish numbers.

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Business & Finance

Strategic Objectives

Weinstein & Lewis

Strategic Objectives Inc., a Toronto public relations firm, recently took home their second International Public Relations Association (IPRA) Golden Globe Award for the work that was done on The Body Shop account. They also received four Certificates of Merit for other notable campaigns.

The 10-year-old company is owned and operated by partners and sisters Deborah Weinstein and Judy Lewis. Both are respected writers and producers of film, TV, radio and print. Their diverse backgrounds in public affairs, journalism and promotion gives them unique expertise in developing effective public awareness programs.

From its humble beginnings, the company has grown into a team of 30 communicators who represent national and international clients like The Body Shop, Canadian Gas Association, Consumers Gas, Fairweather, Food from Britain, Garbo Creations & Riviera, Ira Berg, Kmart Canada Ltd., Liptons International, Lyons Tetley Canada Limited, Marks & Spencer Canada Inc., Mister Leonard, Ontario Natural Gas Association, Second Cup Coffee Co., State Farm Insurance and Tee-Comm Electronics Inc.

CJN Features Editor Stephanie Chapman spoke with Weinstein and Lewis in their Toronto office.

CJN: *What does a public relations firm do and how does it differ from an advertising agency?*

Lewis: All public relations firms specialize in awareness campaigns and companies hire us to increase their company's profile, either in the community or to consumers. Most of our clients are interested in increasing sales and they hire us on because they know our technique will increase recognition of their product and sales.

The specific things that we do are sending out press releases to the media, speaking to the media on behalf of our clients, orchestrating special events. The other area that is very important is issues management and that means that if there are difficult or very strong business issues that companies need to be counselled on we will develop a strategy for them to manage that issue. This way they end up dealing with it effectively not only with the public, but also with their own employees.

Weinstein: There is the whole other component that is not media relations. What we are working for our clients is to communicate positive information to various targeted audiences, be it investors, customers, educators and other influencing groups. There are many different audiences and the competition to reach those audiences in a credible way is ferocious, especially if there is a bottom line attached to it.

Lewis: The other aspect of your question is what is the difference between a PR group and an advertising agency and that's a good question. To sum it up, what I say is that intent is the same, the approach is very different. The approach of a public relations campaign is totally information-oriented. We believe that the public has become extremely skeptical of emotional, overblown or bogus messages. We specialize in providing the honest, ethical information that gives a product or a company the credibility.

Gone are the days when a company could buy a big ad in a magazine and sell a product. That just does not work and even the advertisers will tell you that. What you have to do is have complementary marketing activity. We believe that public relations is a very effective marketing tool.

Lewis: The fact that we are sisters is wonderful. From a business relationship it is excellent. We were brought up with very good family values. Family is No. 1 — that's it. Therefore, there is a level of trust between us that very few business partnerships achieve. I don't have to worry about Deborah's hands in the till or making undercuts. I don't have to worry about Deborah trying to make herself perceived as being the more important player in the company than me because we are partners and sisters. At the end of the day we are still sisters.

I believe that it also helps in the business relationship with our clients because our clients know we act as one. We are a strong, united force. There is no uncertainty in our company of falling apart because the partners do not get along. I think it also helps with our employees because I hope that our employees understand that we want to, and we do extend, the same family values to our company that we do within our own family.

Judy Lewis, left and Deborah Weinstein

CJN: *What was your first large account and how did it come about?*

Weinstein: Our first large account was Marks & Spencer back in 1983 and it happened purely accidentally. We met a journalist while working on another account. Consequently, when Marks & Spencer said they needed a PR company she said, "Phone Deborah and Judy at Strategic Objectives."

The director of marketing interviewed us and at that time it was Judy, me, one desk and a phone. Based on our energy, ambition, our desire to succeed and our background, they hired us. That was an amazing time and we're still working with them. Marks & Spencer was the beginning of what was has become an incredibly strong division in our company that deals with retail.

CJN: *Does the fact that you are sisters help or hinder the business?*

CJN: *How difficult was it getting accounts when you first started?*

Lewis: It was difficult in the sense that we were two young women — one desk, two telephones, no reputation and no money.

Weinstein: You have to take this back to 1983 when the majority of senior public relation practitioners were men — older men — and junior PR people were often women or actually female secretaries. There wasn't the respect or understanding.

Lewis: It was hard knowing that that was out there. Once we were given the opportunity to meet with the clients, they saw our seriousness. I have never, and I don't think Deborah has either, let the fact that we were women hold us back. I think this goes back again to the family values of 'you can do anything.' I think clients accepted us for our good advice and our knowledge and once we were able to go in and prove who we were, our reputation preceded us.

CJN: *Today, many companies are PR conscious. Does this fact make your job easier or more difficult in terms of competition?*

Weinstein: There's lots of competition and tons of PR firms but we don't feel strongly competitive to other agencies because most of our business comes from people who really want to work with us. They may search around and interview a number of agencies but once they meet us they know that we have the level of expertise and credibility that they are looking for and a proven successful track record.

CJN: *From insurance firms to bowling centres you have quite a range of clients. What type of company is the most difficult for you to develop a PR campaign?*

Weinstein: I'll tell you what we will not do. We will not represent companies that are dishonest. We choose not to handle problems where we would have to be out there lying — no matter how much the money — we just choose not to do it. We take projects that we know we can accomplish. Basically, it's using excellent research, communications innovations, gut instinct. Take all those elements, combine them with good, hard business sense that looks straight at the bottom line — that's what makes a program work.

Lewis: The hardest company to represent is a company without a vision. If a company doesn't know what they really want to do or where they want to go, our first job is to work with them to help them figure that out.

CJN: *What do you look for in the people you hire? Once on-board, do they specialize in a certain area or do they move from account to account?*

Lewis: We hire at different levels but there is overall quality we look for — intelligence, an ability to think strategically, an understanding of the Canadian public, integrity — but we also look for enthusiasm, excitement and the ability to work with a team. And then there are the obvious such as writing abilities and the ability to develop effective communications programs. Our belief is that it's important to be able to find raw diamonds and to polish them according to the Strategic Objective message.

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Israeli phone system pushes right buttons in N. America

By SUE FISHKOFF

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — When Oded Koritshoner, president of U.S. operations for Israel's Telrad Telecommunications heard the White House was looking for a new phone system, he rummaged for a pen. "I didn't know that," he murmured, while jotting down a quick note. "Might be worthwhile."

That's typical of Telrad USA's marketing attitude - its willingness to go up against telecommunications giants like AT&T and Panasonic.

Koritshoner admits his firm will never acquire the same recognition as these other companies. So why would a lawyer's office in Toledo, Ohio choose a relatively unknown Israeli product over AT&T?

"I tell them I bring more phone for the same dollars," he says, quoting liberally from a popular advertisement for a Japanese car company.

Telrad Telecommunications, a leading manufacturer of telecommunications equipment for 40 years, has worldwide sales in excess of $200 million. In January, it clinched an NIS 300 million deal with Bezek to modernize the country's phone system.

Telrad's U.S. operations, headquartered in Woodbury, New York, manufactures integrated digital key telephone systems, voice mail systems, PBXs and ISDN terminal equipment.

Since its first U.S. sale in 1978, Telrad has installed more than two million telephone stations, and last year had $30 million in sales to small- and medium-sized businesses.

Company clearly on the way up

In 1992, Koritshoner was named one of the industry's most influential executives by *Teleconnect Magazine*, a leading trade journal, for his "success in establishing Telrad as a leading telecommunications company" in the North American market, and for increasing sales by more than 25 percent per year. Telrad is clearly a company on the way up.

Telrad phone systems pop up in unusual places. An Indian reservation for the Santo Domingo tribe in Santa Fe, New Mexico installed the firm's phones as part of its alcohol rehabilitation program. And an elementary school in Lockwood, Montana, installed Telrad digital telephones and voice mail systems in every classroom, so students could do phone research for class projects.

But the bulk of the company's sales are to small professional offices run by doctors, lawyers and accountants - offices that can make best use of the company's integrated, user-friendly phone system, which is limited to 250 work stations per location.

It is no coincidence that many of these customers are Jewish, which dovetails neatly with Telrad's new marketing thrust, announced at last November's General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations in New York.

At that forum, dedicated to Jewish business networking, Telrad said it would begin marketing its products aggressively within the Jewish and pro-Israel business community - a huge potential market ripe for Israeli products that has been virtually untapped.

The company's new marketing approach focuses on product quality, while tugging discreetly at the Jewish heartstrings. A bombastic "buy Israeli" campaign would not go over well in today's market, Koritshoner says.

"We aren't saying that one should purchase Telrad telephones because the company is Israeli," Koritshoner explains. "Rather, if you are considering the purchase of a telephone system, give Telrad a chance to present its capabilities. Then, and only then, should you purchase our systems."

As traditional fundraising sources dry up, more Zionist organizations are encouraging potential Jewish donors to invest in and set up joint ventures with Israeli companies and to buy Israeli products. Telrad has positioned itself on the cutting edge of this new Zionist philanthropy.

Richard Dukas of the Kahn Communications Group, which represents Telrad, says Telrad and Telran are the only two Israeli high-tech companies that market products appropriate for a typical North American Jewish professional office.

"For Telrad, it's a natural," Dukas says. "A high number of doctors, lawyers, accountants and ad agencies are Jewish."

But to crack the North American market, you have to play the American marketing game, which is where so many Israeli companies come up short.

"There's an attitude in Israeli businesses that if you have the product, that's it," Koritshoner says. "But every product has to be sold. The product is important, but ultimately, it's people selling to people."

Koritshoner came to Telrad Israel in 1975 with an economics degree and MBA from Hebrew University, and has been in the United States for six years only.

However, he has surrounded himself with Madison Avenue marketing professionals, including Kahn Communications, a high-powered American ad agency. Kahn packages Telrad's products in a high-visibility, easily-digestible format. According to sales figures, it seems to be working.

While never shy about revealing its country of origin, Telrad displays a creative flexibility in highlighting its ethnic roots.

Ads in the Jewish press focus on where Telrad phones are made; ads in the "secular" press focus on the quality of the product offered. While the same information is in both advertisements, intelligent underlining is the key, Koritshoner says.

"We're trying to improve our name recognition in niche markets - doctor's offices, travel agencies - industries our systems fit well, through direct mail and target advertising," he says. "I try to get them from both sides, through the Jewish press and through trade magazines."

Major deal with Rockwell

Telrad's flagship product is its Digital KeyBX phone system, one of the few fully digital systems available for small-to medium-sized companies, which comes with a wide array of standard and optional features including integrated voice mail; Uniform Call Distribution, which automatically divides incoming calls between various groups of phones in the office, to avoid backup on any one phone line; and KeyNet LAN, which allows users to network PCs, thus sharing printers and providing a phone user constant access to information in the company computer.

In November, Telrad signed a multi-million-dollar OEM agreement with Rockwell International to develop and manufacture ISDN-compatible telephone consoles for Rockwell's Spectrum system, an integrated call processing system.

In February, the company announced a reseller agreement with Cortel Business Systems, by which Cortel markets and supports Telrad's complete line of telecommunciations systems. Since the deal was signed in October 1992, Cortel has netted $250,000 in revenues.

Koritshoner says he has been approached by some Israeli high-tech companies looking to enter the American market. He offers the same advice to all of them - "I emphasize the need for marketing, both research and activity." Also, once a contract with an American company is landed, follow-up is crucial.

Paraphrasing Minster of Industry and Trade Micha Harish, Koritshoner adds, "Israel doesn't need dollars, it needs markets."

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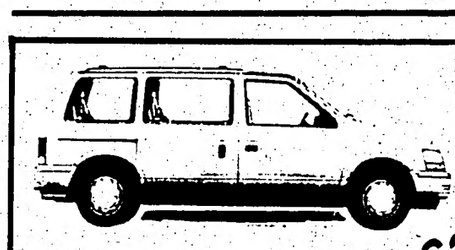
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Weinstein & Lewis

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Weinstein: Once people come here, no matter what level they are at, training is on-going. We pay not only for skills update but any secondary education that they would like to take, in addition to seminars and conferences.

Lewis: People have different specialties. Some people are good writers and communicators, some are good media relaters. Some are more adept at working in the fashion/lifestyle area while others are more suited to business. But what we try to do is develop all our people into well-rounded practitioners. Diversity of skills is a great advantage and that enables us to be able to represent a variety of companies.

CJN: *For the second time in the last three years, you are the only PR firm to be honored with the Golden Globe Award. What is this award?*

Weinstein: IPRA is the International Public Relations Association, headquartered in Geneva. It is an elite organization of people who work in our industry that are concerned with impact, power of communication, ethics, integrity and professional development. Once a year they have an awards competition. Its standards are incredibly high because those companies that are competing — they are the most senior.

The object is not just to win and get a trophy and an award. Entering has many different factors to it. First, you learn from other people's submissions but also you discipline yourself to be producing that very best award winner in the sense that it's going to be the best in the room.

Lewis: The reason our campaign won is that the campaign clearly demonstrates results. We didn't win because we had well-written press releases and great photography. What they do is they look at the strategy, they look at the program, they look at the results and the execution. But for the second time in a row our campaign has demonstrated tremendous results — bottom line results.

CJN: *How do you handle accounts that require damage control? How do you defuse a situation?*

Weinstein: There's really only one account that comes to mind that isn't confidential. Overnight it was decided that Wardair would be sold and there were so many different aspects to handle. You have to notify the employees, you have to put together a video, you have to do a news conference. Our advice to a company or to our clients is to be honest because you have to approach people's concerns dead on.

CJN: *When you are confronted with a campaign that you are morally opposed to would you or have still taken it on?*

Lewis: No. Absolutely not. How can you wake up with yourself in the morning? I believe we are in the business and we do good business for all our clients because we take a very ethical approach. I would not taint myself, my company nor my clients with another client who was not up to our standards. That may be why I will never be the largest public relations firm, but that's okay as long as I am still the best.

CJN: *You have quite a track record of incredible success but have there ever been any real disasters?*

Weinstein: I can't say that we have ever had any real disasters. In the past, occasionally, there have been accounts that just aren't the best to get. Sometimes you just aren't meant to be and you move on and say 'Thanks it was great to work with you.'

CJN: *Why do you feel you've been so successful?*

Lewis: We work hard. We work like maniacs. We are professionals and we demand a lot of ourselves, our people and our clients. We really are obsessed with doing the very best that we can and that's why we've been such a success. We persistently deliver great results to our clients, and therefore, they feel confident and proud to recommend us. That's a real feather in our cap. Also in our business, you have to be in touch with the public. You can't operate in an elitist world and then pretend to talk to the public.

Weinstein: We do work hard and we have good, strong family lives. We have lives outside that allow us to accommodate our business. The fact that Judy and I are sisters allows us a kind of back-up that others don't have. When Judy was on maternity leave, she was always there for questions. It wasn't 'Ta, ta. See you in six months.' We love what we do and we care about our business the same way we do about our kids.

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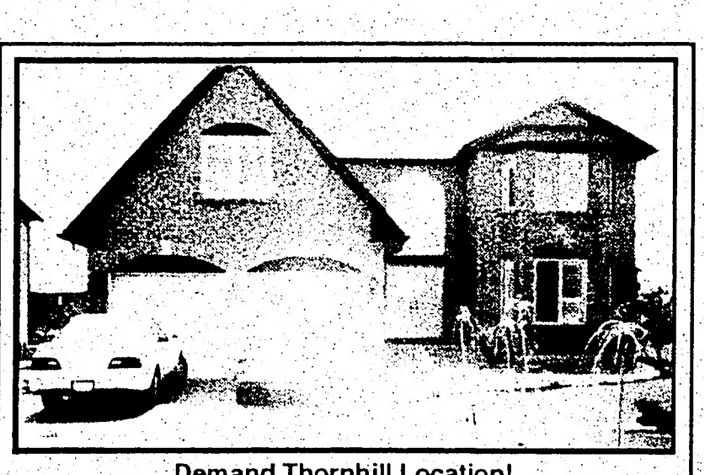

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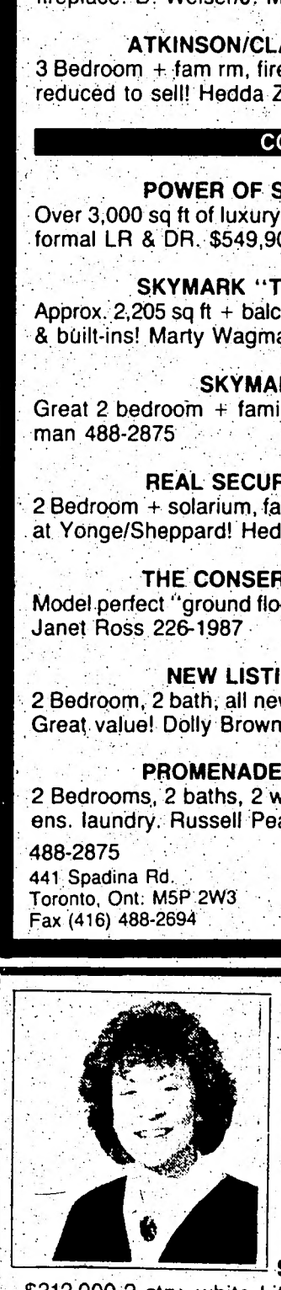

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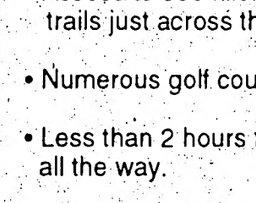

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280 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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All interested parties may inspect the proposed by-law and make copies of it at the Ostrowetz Independent Mutual Benefit Society, 302-125 Neptune Drive, North York, Ont., M6A 1X3, 785-5688.
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Judaism and Social Justice

by Eugene Kaellis

Along with other religions, Judaism posits a God of justice and mercy, more precisely, a God of *ultimate* justice and mercy. The qualifier reflects both the doubt and faith we find, for example, in *Ecclesiastes* and *Job*. Doubt, because (in spite of the, probably apocryphal, codetta of *Job*) the empirical evidence of God's justice and mercy is weak (especially for Jews); faith, because there is no other way to transcend this evidence and still emerge hopeful and believing. That is why Franz Rosenzweig stated that Jews love God "notwithstanding".

Of course, it can be argued that injustice and cruelty are the work not of God, but of people, who have been given free will and, in many instances, have chosen to pursue the evil impulse. Even without questioning the existence of free will, this argument loses much of its force when infants and other innocents suffer or when there are natural disasters in which thousands of blameless people perish. In light of these catastrophes, many, following the admonition of Job's wife, have cursed God and died.

Prometheus, Abraham, and Jacob

Prometheus did not curse Zeus, but he did challenge him. For this attempt to exercise control over creation, Prometheus was punished with an eternity of hideous torture. Judaism, on the other hand, has a unique and, I believe, saving feature: the recognition and acceptance that *dissatisfaction with creation is a bona fide part of creation!* Proof of this is in the challenge Abraham hurls at God, "Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?", and in the importunate insistence of Jacob that he be blessed. This combination of love, faithfulness *and adversity* is characteristic of many long-standing intimate relationships and reached extreme form in the *shtetl* trials of God related by Elie Wiesel and others.

God is accused of violating the covenant. The prosecutor's evidence is overwhelming, and He is, of course, found guilty. But sentencing is another matter. How can there be a bill of divorcement? And punishing God by withholding faith and love hurts the disbeliever more than it hurts the intended victim, so the Master of the Universe invariably gets another chance at rehabilitation, unto infinity.

Social Justice and Perfection

The Jewish attitude toward social justice must be seen within this context, viz., that recognition by people of the "imperfection" of the universe is part of the very perfection of creation. Put another way, it is God's plan that human beings participate in the ongoing process of "completing" creation. This attitude, unlike the striving one finds in utopian systems of perfection, whether religious or secular, is, as are all things Jewish with the exception of belief in the absolute unity of God, dichotomous. It involves a dialectic between self and community best summed up in one of the most famous of Hillel's aphorism, beginning, "If I am not for myself..." This and other dichotomies reflect in a great variety of ways the human condition — the finitude of people versus the continuity of nature.

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"JERUSALEM 1987" BY DAVID FEIST, MONTREAL

Indeed, the posing of perfection as a realizable goal in personal attainment of social systems contains the promise, not of utopia, but of great evil. As Timothy Findley has pointed out, it is the striving toward perfection which characterizes totalitarian systems and permits them to carry out unspeakable crimes, the kind of social surgery directed against Jews, Blacks, Gypsies, homosexuals, and other *Niedermenschen* who fall short of defined criteria of perfection. On a personal level, it leads to intolerance toward oneself, massive suppression, loss of self-esteem, and all their "consequences".

The Messianic Vision

The messianic model is related to the concept of perfection. While the idea of the Messiah took many forms, one version was that his advent would herald a world ordered by God's precepts. In its Christian form the coming of Jesus, initially viewed as the Messiah, later elevated to God incarnate, was supposed to usher in the Kingdom of God, if not the first time, then certainly the second. Today, it is probably accurate to say that most Jews who retain the messianic vision do not anticipate a similar remarkable cataclysm. To them the Messiah is forever coming but does not arrive - a model, which while couched in the religious idiom, is the definition of progress and the rising expectations it brings in its wake.

Perfection in Christianity is part of the apocalyptic/sacrificial model. Just as the crucifixion is followed by the birth of the "New Israel" and the means of salvation, so the Second Coming accompanies the elevation of the just and the destruction of the world. The Marxist vision of revolution and destruction of the existing social order (and, if need be, of its beneficiaries), followed by a system of such egalitarianism that it signifies the end of history, is a secular model with the same theme. Both posit a redemptive process in which sacrifice is a prerequisite of progress.

Social Justice, Advocacy and Motivation

One of the greatest qualities of Judaism is that it places primary emphasis on behaviour rather than motivation. This is a practical position for two reasons: 1) No matter how subtle, objectively discernible behaviour is exclusively what mediates the ways in which people relate to one another. Thus, in terms of shared reality, motivation, including love, real or alleged, is irrelevant. And, 2) motivation, extremely difficult to determine at any level, is in the "final" sense, unknowable.

Social Justice, a Practical Approach

Because of its practical, experiential approach to economic inequities, Judaism has never been absolute or utopian. Judaism recognizes that wealth, like health, good looks, strength, moral fortitude, and intelligence are meted out in various "portions" according to the obscure motives of God. It does not see wealth *per se* as evil, only its idolatrization, and anything can be idolatrized, even learning, perhaps even piety. Wealth can be used for entirely selfish and sensual pursuits or in the exercise of power but it can also be used in philanthropy, instances of which abound in Jewish life. While *tzedakah* is mandated for everyone, the rich are obviously more capable of making it effective.

Just as asceticism never became a major precept or practice of normative Judaism, neither were there vows of poverty as there are in Christianity, based on the Gospel example of Christ and his disciples who spurned material things. Unlike Christianity, Judaism has never looked upon the body and the pleasures afforded by material things as occasions of sin, provided that the pleasures are licit and not idolatrous, as they often become.

A "Jewish Liberation Theology"?

In recent decades liberal Protestant churches have placed a marked emphasis on the "social gospel", and among Catholics, particularly in the Jesuit and Maryknoll orders, a combination of Marxism (or para-Marxism) and Christianity has created "Liberation Theology", now, in many parts of the world, attractive as an alternative to failed secular Marxism.

Efforts have been made among Jews to develop an analogous theology but they have never made much

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EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

Until very recently, social action by synagogues was envisaged as social action on behalf of Jews only. Now, however, the notion of universal social action by Jews is climbing steadily toward the top of the Jewish agenda. A nationwide poll by the *Los Angeles Times* in 1990 asked Jews to identify the central issue around which they built their Jewish identity; 42% chose social justice as their primary area of Jewish concern, while only 17% chose their relationship to Israel. Eugene Kaellis points out that Judaism believes, first, that it is God's plan that human beings participate in the ongoing process of "completing" creation, and second that Judaism places primary emphasis on behaviour rather than motivation. That is why Jews have always been in the forefront of social justice initiatives, but only as individuals; now, however, Jewish institutions — notably the synagogues — are expanding the focus of social action from Jews only to attacking the evils of society generally.

One of the joys of being Editor of this journal is the opportunity it offers me to discover a new genuine Canadian Jewish talent. I recently received a new book by Jill Solnicki, called *The Real Me Is Gonna Be a Shock*. In it she describes "a year in the life of a front-line teacher." The book recounts her experiences as the teacher of an inner-city Toronto school, in which the students are uniformly devoid of belief in themselves as a result of poverty, abuse, and low expectations. Solnicki herself is everything her students despise: privileged, well-educated and Jewish. She recounts her desperate efforts to control her students, and to reach out to them in an attempt to somehow dispel their alienation from Canadian society. The book is a collection of her various experiences, told with sensitivity, compassion, and humour. I have selected a chapter from this book which demonstrates all these qualities.

Denis Brott, the well-known cello virtuoso, has sent us a fascinating account of how Ernest Bloch, a non-practising Jew living in Geneva, Switzerland, came to write *Schelomo*, "a Hebraique rhapsody for cello and orchestra" . Two events accounted for it: first, Bloch heard Josef Szegeti in 1910 at a concert that included a number of Jewish folk melodies which, according to Brott, acted as Bloch's cultural and spiritual rebirth. The second episode came in 1915, when Bloch was in a serious depression and was studying the book of Ecclesiastes. He heard a cellist called Barjansky who had a rich tone and played with immense power. He immediately conceived the idea of translating the spirit of Ecclesiastes into an "unfettered soaring voice of the cello". Such are the mysteries of the creative process.

"Jews and the Recession" by Michael Greenstein would seem to be an unnatural topic for a literary critic. Yet Greenstein calls on his profound scholarship in the field of Jewish literary criticism, and culls some fascinating insights from such variegated sources as Elias Canetti, the Jewish Nobel prize winner, Paul Reichmann, the Toronto financier, George Steiner, who, born in Paris to a wealthy Jewish family, and although destined to be an international banker, came to America to become one of the most distinguished literary critics. All these men, Greenstein feels have insights to offer on the relationship of capitalism to scholarship.

Dr. M. G. Leith tackles the rarely publicized issue that Israeli politicians have been struggling with for some time: whether Israel should sign the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, already approved by 153 nations, including all of the declared nuclear powers. The problem facing Israel has now been exacerbated by a recent declaration of Arab countries that they will sign the recent World Chemical Weapons Convention if Israel signs the Non-Proliferation Treaty.

A poem by Seymour Mayne, *Viewpoints*' poetry editor, completes our issue.

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headway since Jewish religious institutions, unlike churches, do not have to overcome the guilt burden of enormous property, influence, and a history of exploitation in the settling of the New World. Additionally, many Jews, usually, but not exclusively, secular, have been engaged in social activism for much of the modern period, motivated by dissatisfaction with systems associated with antisemitism, hoping for its alleviation under other socio-economic-political orders, and influenced by, if not formal adherents of, Judaism's belief in social compassion.

But the major factor in the failure to develop a Jewish Liberation Theology is that Judaism has always posed a realizable context in which to place demands for social justice, one that does not, for example, insist on complete levelling or on total altruism through a renunciation, not only of wealth, but of all material accumulation demands so obviously out of touch with reality that they have been egregiously compromised even by monastic orders dedicated to their fulfilment. Evidently, they have no survival value or practical application to general communities.

Social Concern a Jewish Tradition

Because of the Jewish tradition of communal responsibility, *mitzvot* have long been in place to assure that at least subsistence is provided to those in distress. While *tzedakah* fulfils a need to express compassion, and can cover the interstices of even the most advanced welfare system, the contemporary application of these commandments is not only in charity. If *tzedakah* is mediated on a purely personal level, it cannot correct society's institutional and systemic flaws; it may even act to perpetuate them. The advocacy of government measures which will alleviate the sufferings of the poor and reduce the increasing socio-economic polarization of North America's population is the only practical contemporary expression of traditional Jewish concern.

Aside from the moral aspect of such advocacy, it has palpable social value. Experience has demonstrated countless times that people can bear sacrifices when they perceive the necessity to do so; what makes them chafe is unfairness, the existence of waste and excessive, even sumptuous, ease and comfort alongside grating and abysmal poverty. Deprived of any investment in the social order, the very poor have few reasons to limit their anger and desperation. They express their frustration through crime, violence, and social disorder, which affect and degrade all of society.

Choices for Jews

If Jewry is to maintain its valued, practical, and venerable tradition, then Jews, whether organized along secular or religious lines, have to devote thought and energy to uplifting those who are being increasingly isolated in the depths of our socio-economic order. People will, of course, differ as to what constitutes the most effective means of help, but their agendas must include consideration of tax reform, day care, a guaranteed annual income, the minimum wage, welfare and improved unemployment insurance.

If religious Jewry opts for a totally personal ethic, a purely ritualistic observance, and communal response based exclusively on ethnic defense, and if secular Jewry opts for adherence to an abstract ideology and a completely self-centred communal stance, Judaism and Jewish tradition will have lost its relevance and its potential to contribute, and will inevitably suffer the effects of marginalization.

The Real Me Is Gonna Be A Shock

by Jill Solnicki

This is an abridged chapter of a book called The Real Me Is Gonna Be A Shock *which is based on Jill Solnicki's experiences as a "font-line" teacher. She is assigned to a class consisting entirely of rejects from the regular school system. They come from broken families, can barely read or write and have low self-esteem. She attempts to reach them by assigning them the task of keeping a journal about their real life experiences. Hence the title:* The Real Me Is Going To Be A Shock.

I really didn't want to go to Don's engagement party. So why was I going? I guess it was because I felt I owed it to Dori, to our friendship. I pulled up to the small brick bungalow and, clutching my gift, walked past the three motorcycles parked in the driveway. How long before those boys would smash themselves to bits?

"Miss Solnicki! You came!" Dori screamed at the door. She led me past a narrow kitchen where several women were preparing food, to an L-shaped living- and dining-area. A folded sign on the table said: BEER $2.50; SCOTCH $3.50. I'd never been to a house where people charged for drinks.

"Have some punch." Dori's mother came up with a smile. She was a plump, pretty woman, in her mid-thirties, her Irish accent still strong. "It's free," she added. Had she caught me staring at the sign?

"Punch, I'll give yah a punch,"a man said, at my elbow. Curly hair and a snub nose gave him a boyish look, despite his florid cheeks.

"Get on with ye," Dori's mother said to her husband. "This here is Mrs. Solonacki, Dori's teacher." He grinned and handed me a glass.

I found a chair and slipped into it, sipping my punch self-consciously. In the corner an older boy was calling, like a barker: "Forget the food — it's free; have a drink, we'll even deliver it to yah!" I recognized him from a wedding picture on the buffet, the one beside the portrait of Prince Charles, Princess Di, and their children.

In the corner, Dori was flirting with one of the long-haired young men. She rose on tiptoes in her stiletto heels and lightly kissed him. The men all stared at her tight miniskirt riding up. "Hey, Neil, better keep an eye on her," Dori's father called out.

The fat man in the next chair turned. "Solnick.." He tasted it as if it were a foreign food. "What kinda name is that?"

"Ah... my husband's parents came from Poland."

His tongue crawled across his lips. "That wouldn't happen to be a Jewish name now, would it?"

I felt the denial rising within me. But why should I hide from this jerk? Why should I give in to this game of ignorance and stupidity, conceal a part of myself in my own Secret Annexe? Suddenly I heard myself say: "As a matter of fact, it is."

"Now she's Jewish, so watch yourself!" Dori's mother cautioned loudly at my side, as everyone turned to look. "None o' your Jewish jokes!"

I sat stiffly in my chair while my neighbour obliged and talked about his health. "Doctor told me fifteen years ago if I didn't give up drinkin' I'd be dead in six months. Jewish doctor," he added, to make known what a supporter of Jews he was. He held up his wrist, clamped with a green plastic bracelet, as if he'd been discharged from the hospital directly to this party. "First thing every mornin' I have a shot o' rye. Mind you," he added, seeing my look of surprise, "I don't *eat* nuthin'." He took a drink from Dori's father, and reached towards his pocket. "It's on me," Dori's father said.

"Pardon me if I drink it in the glass, instead of on you." He gave me a broad wink.

Dori and Neil were opening presents, and I turned to watch. "Read the card!" someone called out.

"He can't read," Dori said. Neil's face coloured.

"That's why yah invited a teacher, so she could read the cards!" someone shouted. Everyone laughed while I shifted uncomfortably. I was the Jewish Teacher: I didn't belong here.

Dori unwrapped a set of six glass plates. "They'll make great frisbees," her older brother, the drink-seller, said. She tossed back her blond bangs, and for a moment I saw the puckers of her stitches, like shadows. She raised a plate and took aim at Neil. "I'll throw 'em at him, one at a time," she said.

"Come on, come on," he grinned. "Just try it, and wham!" He punched the air between them.

"Atta boy, Neil, show her who's boss!" the fat man called from his ringside seat, as everyone laughed.

"Thanks for coming," Dori said at the door.

"Good luck," I said, stifling my sadness. I took her hands in mine and looked into her face. She was what she was. Leaning forward, I kissed her on the cheek. Teacher's lips, student's cheek: now we were both women. "Have lots, and lots, of luck."

I stared out the car window into the darkening spring night. I had always thought of Dori as the victim. But now I had seen the look in her eyes as she'd raised that plate.

"Know how to keep cool?" Peter said, pulling himself past some broken glass from the window above and leaning back against the wall, out of the sun. Around the corner came giggles and the music of a portable radio.

He put down his book, held up a long pink Freezee, and touched it to his wrist. "Yah put the ice here. Feel it." He placed my fingers on his pulse. "The baby heart takes the cold blood to your big heart, cools the whole body."

I was glad to touch his wrist. He'd been upset because he had no money for today's school outing to Canada's Wonderland.

"Hey, miss," he said suddenly, "where'd yah go to high school?"

I dropped his wrist. "Ah... Forest Hill Collegiate."

His face scrunched up. "Where's that?"

He didn't know. He wouldn't suddenly see me in a new way, his vision forever altered by a word. "Downtown."

"Why'd you go to a *collegiate?*" He peered through the haze in his grey eyes.

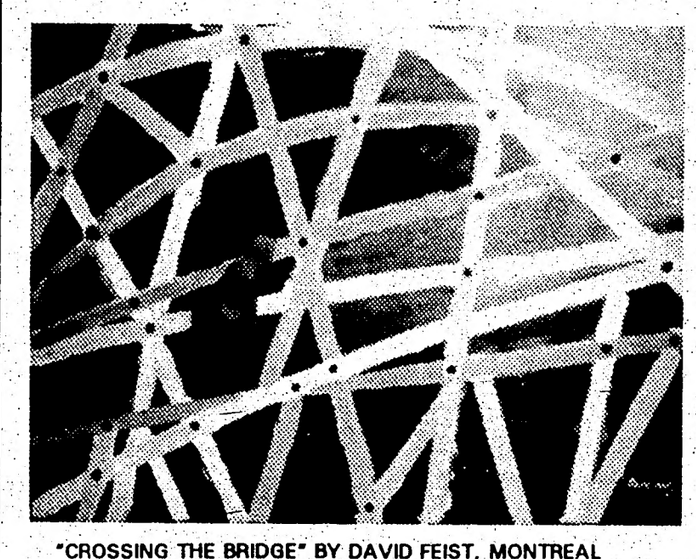
I shrugged. "I guess I wanted to go to university."

He studied me as if I were a peculiar object he'd just found beside him in the grass. "Why?"

How could I explain that, where I came from university naturally followed high school the way night followed day. "I just... went! Anyway, I couldn't have become a teacher if I hadn't."

"So is that why?"

"Not really." He could never understand that, for me and many other women in those days, teaching had lain at the end of a degree like a comfortable bed — little preparation to get into, little fuss to get out of, or to make part-time use of once you had children. It dovetailed with the main agenda: marriage and family.



"CROSSING THE BRIDGE" BY DAVID FEIST, MONTREAL

His eyes narrowed. "Were you one of them browners?"

I smiled enigmatically. I certainly wouldn't tell him about my scholarships.

"I got a friend goes to Pearson Collegiate, he's a goof, a Newfie!" He spat out his contempt. "So why would you want to go to a *collegiate?*" he repeated.

The real explanation was one I didn't want to spell out, the business of being programmed into a particular future: into a collegiate, or a basic-level school. Canada wasn't India, with its caste system, or Britain, with its class system. Social barriers weren't supposed to exist here. But they did. "Once on welfare, always on welfare." Wasn't that why Peter despaired? I was understanding more and more that it would take an exceptional person to overcome the system.

"It's too hot," he said suddenly, getting up. He went through the open door and back into the classroom.

After a while I got up, too. I looked into the open area. Into an empty room.

He was gone. He'd skipped off. Not that I blamed him, with everyone else away, the May sky and leafy trees holding out their invitation. But it made me angry anyway; his setting me up, betraying me like that.Then, up near the front, I heard a murmur. I tiptoed nearer. In a carrel, Peter was bent intently over his book — eyes squinting, mouth working, finger trekking across the page.

Silently I stood and watched as, step by step, he struggled up a mountain towards a distant peak where hard books were easy, and welfare no more.

From a journal:

im goin to be Unset for awhile cause of a Good Friend dying, i still cant beleave that david is Dead. i keep telling myself that its not david it was Someone else i keep tryin to think that but i gess it was Him, hes not breething moving or even talkin. i had a Dream last nite about david, i woke with tears down my eyes.

Cammy

For the last nine days (I was still counting) David's death had moved from a shocking, distressing event to one that provoked discussion. Everyone had an opinion. Mr. Taggert: "I keep thinking, was there something we could have done?" Mr. Pritchett: "I don't blame the system, I blame the parents. We didn't fail *them*, they failed *us*."

Christie hung back after the junior English class. "D'you remember what I wrote in my journal, a while ago, about needin' to change?" She tossed back her brown hair, a confident gesture that reminded me of how she used to be. "Well, David couldn't change. He was... sorta stuck."

Each time, his name stabbed. It was hard to shake the feeling that I'd failed him. If I'd been a better teacher, a haunting voice said, known how to render the right life-saving breath...

But another voice agreed with Christie. The plan had been sketched long before I got there. That voice comforted me. Maybe doctors heard it when their patients died. Or social workers, or...

I changed the subject. "How are things going with you, Christie?"

Her face broadened with joy. "I've been meanin' to tell yah! They found us an apartment, we move out next week! And we're gonna get a Samoyed, we're pickin' it up from my uncle this weekend."

Christie was leaving the shelter! I wanted to fold her in my arms and share her happiness. *Somebody* had escaped.

In my mind I saw a white dog running, running through the high green grass.

Peter held up the slim volume. "I finished the book, miss! I finished the book!" He ran around the room waving it in the air, oblivious to Dino's and Randy's smirks. His skin glowed pink, its characteristic pallor

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THE REAL ME

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banished. "First time I ever finished a book in my life!"

Day after day I had watched him, a cripple, one foot in front of the other as he painfully hobbled where others ran.

"So what do I haveta do now? Write a book report? Yah finish a book and yah write a book report, right? Everyone does that," he added, as if all over the world people on their sofas, in bed, stretched out on the beach, put down the just-completed book and reached for the foolscap.

But I couldn't ask him to write one of those analytical, dull, collegiate-type reports. "Did you like it?" I asked.

He looked doubtful. "It was okay." He turned it over and studied the endorsements on the back. "Not as good as they said it was."

"Why not write to the author or the publisher? Give them your opinion. Then imagine what they would write back."

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I stared at the title: It wasn't *Never Cry Wolf*, but Peter *had* stuck to his resolve to read a book about wolves, of sorts.

Hadn't I once thought my students were wolves, circling? I hadn't been able to see, then, that the flip side of the Wolf was the Peter, a boy trying to be brave under duress. And how had I been able to get past the bared fangs, flattened ears, to the vulnerable boy?

Through writing.

"Hey, miss, d'yah know why Jews got big ears and bald heads? Cuz they go 'What's the price?'" — Ray tugged his ears — "and 'Oh my God!'" — he ran his fingers through his hair.

Not this again! I put down the book we were reading. "Say it!" a voice whispered. I drew myself up straight, struggling to quell the thunder in my chest, stop my throat from constricting, as if it were refusing to speak. "How many of you actually have met someone... Jewish?"

Two hands went up.

"Well... now you all have. I'm Jewish." I leaned heavily against the blackboard.

"What'd she say?" a voice cried.

"She said she's Jewish!" The word raced through the class, fire fanned by wind.

"Hey, you wear one of them beanie things?"

"You talk in that crazy language?"

"FAMILY PORTRAIT" BY ROY PIPERBERG, MONTREAL

"Don't yah believe in God?"

"You have them stars with little candle things in 'em?"

"Menorahs," I said.

"Menorarahs," he repeated.

"You from Jerusalem?"

"My grandmother immigrated from the Ukraine."

"So you're Jewish, but you're not a Jew."

"My religion is Jewish, my nationality is Canadian."

Ray leaned back in his seat. "You're a Jew? And I was just gettin' to like you. Shit, I thought I could tell a Jew."

"I could tell," someone said. "When you told us, I looked at you, I knew." He nodded wisely. "It's the eyes."

A girl laughed. "You know how you always ask for collateral when you give out pencils? You don't give nuthin' away for nuthin', right? Jews are cheap."

"No, she's not, she's generous." The Good News Bible Girl interceded on my behalf. It was fifteenth-century Spain: I stood before the Supreme Council of the Inquisition. "You've got a very giving personality, miss."

"Yeah, and yah don't advertise, yer not like them Jews that go from door to door sellin' things and handin' out papers."

"Every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused," added the Good News Bible Girl.

Ray studied me from his seat. "You're a pretty nice Jew, miss. I met some who aren't, but you're okay." I frowned at him. "Don't get me wrong, miss, I got nuthin' against Jews; it's just that the ones I met I never like. I never met a nice Jew."

"Well, now you have."

"One."

I looked away. I hadn't made a dent. Still, revealing myself hadn't been as painful as I feared.

I took an immense breath, for strength. "You know how I'm always asking you to write in your journals? Tomorrow I'd like to read to you from a famous journal. It was written by a Jewish girl, in Holland, during the Second World War. Because Jews were being persecuted by the Nazis, and many millions were being killed, she and her family went into hiding. She kept a diary during that time.

"Her name was Anne Frank."

I jerked up in bed, my heart a beating drum. In the dream I had been walking down the school corridor wearing a towel. But the towel was small, it covered only my front. All the kids were pointing and laughing at my naked backside. Even David was laughing.

From a journal:

Two or three years ago my brother told me something that would change some of my feelings toward him, that would shock me, embarrass me but most of all bother me.

My brother told me he was gay.

We were sitting in a movie theater we were ten minutes early I told him that some of my friends were saying that if a guy wear a earing on the right side it means he's gay. He told me it was true for some people then I realised that he had a earing on the right side. I waited for the movie to start then I said loud almost screaming (I was scared) I said Hey are you a cissy? He said Hey! then I said is that why you don't have a girlfriend he said Yet!

I wanted to talk to somebody anybody but for some reason not him then the movie ended. As we were walking out I said to myself well if he's happy I should be to. I said Hey there must be someone elses brother whose gay he said Hey lots! ,with a smile.

Then I ask him does anybody know he said mom and dad and my sister to but granddad and grandma didn't know and still dont then I said What does dad think He doesn't like it he said.

Then I said Okay my boy lets go get a pizza thats if you're still a boy. Before I could finish he said I changed but not that much!

I love my brother very much I told him it was okay about being gay and all because if one member of my family isn't happy I'm not either.

So if people think a gay guy is stupid and weak phsicly and mentaly they are wrong because you havn't met my brother he's the best brother friend a person can have.

Nadine

P.S. My second cousins husbands aunt is jewish to.

Anne, you rise from the dark grave of my briefcase, your young face reaching out from the book cover for air, sky, the chestnut tree, the clock at Westertoren, this spring day that you deeply inhale as I begin reading...

> Saturday, 20 June, 1942:... It's an odd idea for someone like me to keep a diary... because it seems to me that neither I — nor for that matter anyone else — will be interested in the unbosomings of a thirteen-year-old schoolgirl. Still, what does that matter? I want to write, but more than that, I want to bring out all kinds of things that lie buried deep in my heart.

Only the wall clock ticking, pages rustling, Anne's clear unwavering voice speaking from weeks and months of confinement in that attic, out into the silence.

> Saturday, 15 July, 1944:... It's really a wonder that I haven't dropped all my ideals, because they seem so absurd and impossible to carry out. Yet I keep them, because in spite of everything I still believe that people are really good at heart... I see the world gradually being turned into a wilderness, I hear the ever-approaching thunder, which will destroy us too, I can feel the sufferings of millions and yet...

I stopped. "That was the third-last entry in her diary." I steadied my voice, willed it to stop quavering. "Not long after that the police burst in on them."

"How was it found, miss?"

"Of the family, and the others, only Anne's father survived the concentration camps." I waited, then went on. "He returned to Amsterdam after the war. Miep and Elli gave him Anne's notebooks and papers that they found on the floor of the Secret Annexe after... after everyone was taken away. He... circulated the diary privately, for a few friends, as a memorial." My voice faltered. "And people read it, and..." I began to cry. I was sobbing, sobbing. I couldn't stop. "I'm sorry. It means so much to me."

The merciful bell. They rose from their seats, passed me, quietly casting glances or looking discreetly away, like those who understand, like friends.

Then outside, I heard the triumphant voice trumpet: "OUR TEACHER CRIED!"

But another voice answered: "AH, SHUT UP!"

Schelomo: The Message of King Solomon

by Denis Brott

A figure of great grandeur in Jewish history, King Solomon also has the stature of a tragic hero. In and around 900 BCE his vast empire stretched far beyond the boundaries of present day Israel. He was undoubtedly one of the wealthiest men of his time. He had everything: power, material riches, many wives, wisdom, respect, children. He, and he alone, was responsible for the life and, at times, the death of his people — the population of an entire country.

It is King Solomon — Koheleth — who is addressing us in the book of Ecclesiastes in the Old Testament. The much tried and disillusioned Solomon makes his final summation of all that he has seen, heard, and experienced under heaven and he has come to the conclusion that all is vanity, and vanity of vanities.

And I Koheleth was king over Israel in Jerusalem. And I gave my heart to seek and search out by wisdom concerning all things that are done under heaven:

This sore travail hath God given to the sons of man to be exercised therewith.

I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and, behold, all is vanity and vexation of spirit.

That which is crooked cannot be made straight: And that which is wanting cannot be numbered.

(*Ecclesiastes 1, 12-15*)

How Did Koheleth Become Schelomo?

How did this poetic message become a song without words, a biblical text transformed into the language of music? How did the Koheleth of Ecclesiastes come to life as Schelomo, a Hebraique rhapsody for cello and orchestra?

It is fascinating to discover what happened to Bloch that allowed him to emerge out of relative obscurity, in a Judaic sense, to become synonymous with that which is Jewish in 20th century music and, ultimately, to be accepted as one of the greatest composers of this century despite, or maybe because of, his Jewishness.

Was there much instrumental Jewish music before Bloch? The first national Jewish song was surely the song of victory sung when Moses crossed over the Red Sea. We know it as "Az Yashir Moshe" (*Exodus Chapter 15*).

Interestingly enough, music held a very prominent role in temple life up until the destruction of the temple in 586 BCE. In fact, there were orchestras, not as we know them today, but musical bands with lyres, harps, trumpets, drums, maybe even some bowed gut-stringed instruments. Certainly as cantillation, music was prominent from the very beginning of Judaism. Influences of Middle-Eastern, Near-Eastern, Hellenistic and Greek cultures of the time surround the very roots of the Jewish religion. (In particular, Jews adopted the interval of the augmented second, which has become branded as *Jewish* by both Jewish and non-Jewish composers.)

Jewish Music Dormant Until 18th Century

But after the destruction of the temple there was almost nothing. This long dormancy of performed and/or composed Jewish music came to an abrupt end during the 19th century. There is even an example of awakening interest by Ludwig van Beethoven, who was asked to compose a cantata for the opening of the new Vienna temple in 1826! He ultimately did not write the work, but he did do research. One can easily see the influence and similarity to *Kol Nidre* in the 6th movement of the Opus 131 C# Minor Quartet.

Living in Beethoven's Vienna, though, was a unique personality who strove to bring about a compromise between the traditions of incantation of the past and the *requirements* of Western Music. His name was Salomon Sulzer. He was to the Gentiles the embodiment of the exotic Hebrew. After hearing him sing, Franz Liszt wrote: "Once only we witnessed what real Judaic art could be if the Israelites would have poured out their suppressed passions and sentiments and revealed the glow of their fire in the art forms of their Asiatic genius, in its full pomp and fantasy and dreams — that hot fire which they kept so carefully hidden and covered with ashes that it should appear cold."

Jewish Folk Music Reborn in 1880

Curiously, the rebirth of Jewish music as a modern art in the twentieth century was launched along its way by a non-Jew. In 1880, at the instigation of Rimsky-Korsakov, a Jewish musical heritage movement began to emerge. Called the Society for Jewish Folk Music of St. Petersburg, it began when Korsakov's Jewish composition students introduced him to Hebraic incantation melodies. He found these so impressive that he encouraged his students to use as much of this material as possible in their compositions. They utilized their folk treasure with Rimsky-Korsakov's consistent endorsement and ultimately this spark caught fire and spread quickly through the western world.

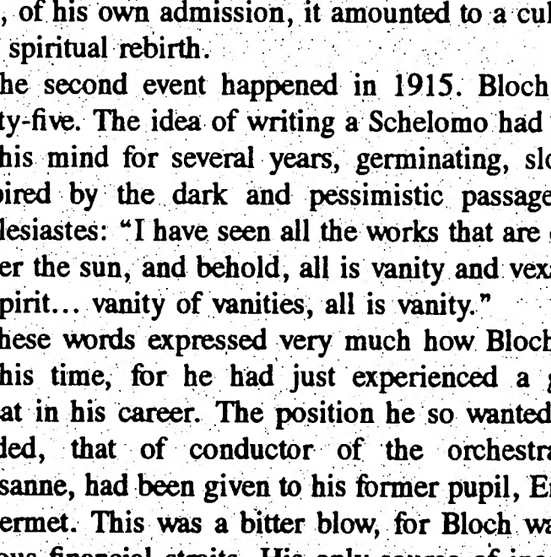
So how did Bloch, a non-practicing Jew living in Geneva, Switzerland, catch the spirit? Two remarkable and almost magical things happened to him.

The first one occurred when the famous violinist Joseph Szegeti was touring Switzerland in 1910. His accompanist, Leo-Nesvizhski Abileah, a founding member of the Society for Jewish Folk Music of St. Petersburg, met Bloch in Geneva after one of their concerts. Abileah had convinced Szegeti to include on the program several works by his confrères from the St. Petersburg Society. Bloch heard this music and, of his own admission, it amounted to a cultural and spiritual rebirth.

The second event happened in 1915. Bloch was thirty-five. The idea of writing a Schelomo had been on his mind for several years, germinating, slowly, inspired by the dark and pessimistic passages in Ecclesiastes: "I have seen all the works that are done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and vexation of spirit... vanity of vanities, all is vanity."

These words expressed very much how Bloch felt at this time, for he had just experienced a great defeat in his career. The position he so wanted and needed, that of conductor of the orchestra of Lausanne, had been given to his former pupil, Ernest Ansermet. This was a bitter blow, for Bloch was in serious financial straits. His only source of income, the family store in which he worked, was facing bankruptcy. With the seemingly endless war raging in Europe, no tourists were coming to buy the Swiss objects his store specialized in: cuckoo clocks, music boxes, and jewelry.

Bloch had other reasons to be pessimistic as well. Twice already his hopes had been crushed. At the age of twenty-three when he conducted two movements of his first symphony, the Swiss and German press received the music with vicious attacks, finding it too dissonant and intense. In 1910 his opera, *MacBeth*, had been taken off the schedule after only 13 performances at the Opera-Comique in Paris. Members of Bloch's family who had little faith in his abilities kept saying: "We told you so." Bloch, buried in obscurity in a town that had rejected him, had almost lost all hope. Yet, it was typical of him to be in the depths of depression and despair and then immediately to bounce back again with the stimulus of some artistic contact.



Barjansky's Cello Inspired Bloch to Write Schelomo

That contact came in the fall of 1915 when there arrived in Geneva a quaint couple, Alexander Barjansky, a lanky long-haired, long-faced Russian cellist, and his diminutive wife. Barjansky in those days was at the height of his craft. He had an immensely rich stirring tone and tremendous power. The two men felt a kinship at once. When Bloch heard Barjansky play, he knew he had found the elusive solution to his problem with the work on Ecclesiastes.

He said later, "I could not hear the fervour of the text or accents in the French language... or in German or English... and since I did not know Hebrew, the sketches mounted while the work lay dormant".

Now he knew what to do!

"Why, instead of the human voice limited by text and language, should not my Ecclesiastes utilize the soaring unfettered voice of the cello?"

He plunged into sketches and worked enthusiastically, day after day. He forgot his defeats, the financial problems of the store, all his miseries. In six weeks the work was finished. Bloch was reborn. (And so would he be reborn many times in his long life. When he created he was alive and nothing stopped him.)

How, then, does the Jewishness of Bloch's music express itself? This is what Bloch himself had to say about it: "I am a Jew. I aspire to write Jewish music because racial feeling is a quality of all great music which must be an essential expression of the people as well as the individual. Does anyone think he is only himself? Far from it. He is thousands of his ancestors. If he writes as he feels no matter how exceptional his point of view, his expression will be basically that of his forefathers. In all those compositions of mine which have been termed 'Jewish', I have not approached the problem from without, i.e. by employing more or less authentic melodies... or more or less sacred 'Oriental' formulas, rhythms or intervals! No!

"I have harkened to an inner voice, deep, secret, insistent, burning, an instinct rather than a cold, dry reasoning process, a voice which seemed to come from far beyond, beyond myself and my parents, a voice which surged up in me on reading certain passages in the Bible.

"It was this Jewish heritage as a whole which stirred me, and music was the result. To what extent such music is Jewish, to what extent it is just Ernest Bloch — of that I know nothing. The future alone will decide."

Bloch says further: "It is not my purpose, not my desire to attempt a reconstruction of jewish music or to base my work on melodies more or less authentic. I am not an archaeologist. I hold it of first importance to write good genuine music. It is the Jewish soul that interests me: the complex, glowing, agitated soul that I feel vibrating throughout the Bible... the freshness and naiveté of the patriarchs; the violence of the prophetic books; the Jews savage love of justice; the sorrow and immensity of the book of Job; the sensuality of the Song of Songs and the despair of Ecclesiastes.

All this is in us,
All this is in me...
And it is the better part of me...

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Jews and the Recession

by Michael Greenstein

Literary critics rush in where economists fear to tread. It is a little-known fact that when Marshall McLuhan advised Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau on the dangers of inflation, he was borrowing some of his theories from Elias Canetti. It is as little known as Canetti himself, the Jewish Nobel prize winner who wrote about the connection between Jews and inflation that the Nazis had seized upon during the 1930's. In *Crowds and Power* Canetti demonstrates how under inflation an individual feels depreciated and how the *crowd* feels depreciated because the *million* is — the *million* standing both for a large sum of money and a large number of people. Furthermore, a scapegoat must be found in this process of humiliation. "Something must be treated in such a way that it becomes worth less and less, as the unit of money did during the inflation. And this process must be continued until its object is reduced to a state of utter worthlessness. Then one can throw it away like paper, or repulp it."

Canetti's argument is ingenious as he shrewdly leads into the Jewish question. "The object Hitler found for this process during the German inflation was the Jews. They seemed made for it: their long-standing connection with money, their traditional understanding of its movements and fluctuations, their skill in speculation, the way they flocked together in money markets, where their behaviour contrasted strikingly with the soldierly conduct which was the German ideal — all this, in a time of doubt, instability and hostility to money, could not but make them appear dubious and hostile. The individual Jew seemed 'bad' because he was on good terms with money when others did not know how to manage it and would have preferred to have nothing more to do with it. If the inflation had led only to the depreciation of Germans as individuals, the incitement of hatred against individual Jews would have sufficed. But this was not so, for, when their millions tumbled, the Germans also felt humiliated as a crowd. Hitler saw this clearly and therefore turned his activities against the Jews as a whole."

Nazis Linked Jews with Inflation Depreciating Both

Thus the Germans shifted this inflation, as a crowd experience, on to the Jews. In the irrational world of anti-semitism, it should not be surprising, therefore, that neo-Nazis link Jews and the recession, for the deflation of the individual, the crowd, and the economy is as pernicious as any linkage with inflation. Just as anti-semitism may come from left- or right-wing extremists, so it may seek out different economic climates whether recessionary or inflationary.

In contemporary Canada let us examine the Reichmann phenomenon as a major effect of the current recession where the "reality" of real estate comes into question. Several years ago, when asked in an interview what he really wanted in life, Paul Reichmann replied that above all he wished he had more time to study. In keeping with the tenets of Orthodox Judaism the financial magnate meant that he would like to devote more time to Talmud and Torah. But it seems that financial security did not result in sufficient freedom to pursue his scholarly dreams. Instead some of the millions from Olympia and York were used to establish an educational superstructure in which an entire community would comfortably follow the Halachah. By proxy, in effect, the Reichmanns had achieved their goals, and their philanthropic largesse created an Orthodox

"SUMMER FORD" STEPHEN LACK, GALERIE DRESDNERE, TORONTO

society in Toronto, the envy of the rest of the Jewish world. What effect has the recession had on these institutions? With the current slowdown in the economy, does Paul Reichmann now have more time to study Torah or is he too busy trying to put the pieces of this empire back together?

Canada's Laws Protect Against Anti-Semitic Backlash

Consider that at another time and another place in history the current recession would have spawned an anti-Semitic backlash in which the Reichmanns would be obvious targets. To be sure, we have seen evidence of skinheads and neo-Nazis daubing swastikas on synagogues and *cheders*, but our constitutional democracies permit us to breathe a sigh of relief secure in the knowledge that pogroms such as those experienced in Eastern Europe at the beginning of this century could not possibly occur in North America at the end of the century. But if the Reichmanns with their Midas touch proved fallible, what are the rest of us lesser mortals to make of this recession that has devastated so many individuals and businesses?

Two Jewish Ways of Coping with Recession

Since there are no instant fiscal fixes, I offer instead two Jewish ways of coping with the present crisis. The first direction is serious and involves a more secular application of Paul Reichmann's longing for the study of Torah. In this connection we may learn from the genius of George Steiner who was recently interviewed by Eleanor Wachtel for the CBC.

Steiner relates some of his personal history. "My father has first written some very important books in economic history and then had become an international banker and businessman, very largely so that his son could become a scholar. This is a great Jewish tradition: a generation earns the means for its children not to have to become businessmen." That kind of dream parallels the Orthodox insistence on study.

Steiner was born and brought up in Paris where his wise father taught him to have his bags packed, ready to flee from Hitler. The son learned several languages so he would be able to adapt anywhere. He also learned that trees have roots while humans have legs, and that the Jew exists more in time than in space. He abandoned a beautiful Parisian home and became a citizen of the world. Consider the migratory patterns of the Reichmann family during the course of this century and a similar pattern emerges. (Who would have thought a generation ago that at the corner of Lawrence and Bathurst Philippine maids would be taking care of the children of Jews from Hungary?)

In America Steiner encountered great teachers, some of whom had also fled from Nazism and who taught him values. "It seemed clear to me that if you sold stocks and bonds, or looked for oil, or sold toilet seats — this activity could bring you many millions. But it seemed to me that this was utterly unacceptable in a brief human lifetime." Notice how Steiner descends from his ivory tower to international finance and further to the comic commodity of toilet seats, the butt of so much Jewish humour since Freudian fixations of "filthy lucre". Steiner's notion of "vocation" or calling contrasts sharply with his earlier example of rolling in capitalism: "the sense of the infinite, of privilege, of being called to make some tiny, tiny contribution in the bitterly difficult process of getting the mind to creep forward a little". The contrast between the "infinite" and the "tiny" alerts the reader to Steiner's utopian, mandarin vision which is a turning away from capitalism yet which desperately requires the fruits of capitalism to carry out its scholarly project. During a recession it is even more difficult to have one's scholarly cake and eat it too, yet the life of the mind must carry on its own pursuits in an attempt to transcend recessionary slowdowns. The air that Steiner's *luftmensch* inspires may be too rarified, too heady for comfort.

Instead of TV the Great Tranquillizer Try Study

Steiner cites the utopian vision of modern western society as a time when there will be a MacDonald's at every street corner and a Disneyworld at which every single human being can take his or her holiday. The philosopher foresees television saturation through satellite television, the great tranquillizer of the 21st century. He describes the American economic way as "a pack snarling for luxuries and grunting at the trough. Capitalist excess — (and the recession is partly the result of capitalist excess having reversed itself) — tells human beings that when they get their second refrigerator or second car or better television, they have reached the summit of their potentialities." To this mean dream of the market place Steiner opposes Jewish teaching.

As an opiate of the masses, television may be preferable to other forms of dogmatism that spawn violent revolutions. European hierarchies produced great art, but equally great disasters, The American levelling experience of MacDonald's and Disneyworld at least has the advantage of quietism and affordability. Jewish intellectuals from Germany who studied mob psychology give way to David Riesman's *The Lonely Crowd*. It will be interesting to speculate on the relationship between crowd psychology and private cable worship. Stay tuned, pay your money, and make your choice.

Lest some consider Steiner's critique of capitalism to be too radical, let us remember that this eminent European scholar is not simply an ordinary left-wing intellectual, but someone who upholds family values and other items prevalent among neoconservatives. To be fair, Steiner is evenhanded in his attack on both communist and capitalist societies, for he has witnessed first hand the effects of totalitarianism from the extremes of right and left. On the one hand, the failure of communism points to the limitations of Jewish leftist fervour until the Sixties; on the other hand, the more recent setbacks to so-called neoconservatism demonstrate the folly of a smug attachment to the right, as evidenced most clearly in the pages of *Commentary*.

Indeed, from a Jewish ideological perspective, the most radical change in the Sixties may have been Norman Podhoretz's shift to the right. At the time it had a sobering effect on the liberal excesses of the decade, but the neoconservative agenda to follow hardly offered the heated, exciting debates among the Jewish liberals of the *Partisan Review* camp. Perhaps a neoliberalism looms on the Jewish horizon, eager

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to come to grips with, and escape from, the recession. And in its wake will come a reconciliation of neoconservatism and post-modernism — one that takes into account the follies of neo- and post- prefixes.

Jewish Humour Helps to Cope with Hardship

If Steiner's social, political, and economic analysis provides one way of looking at the current economic slump, then a second Jewish way comes to mind. In the face of adversity Jews have often turned to Humour as a force for escaping from temporary hardship. And today Canadian Jewish comedy thrives abroad in the guise of Saturday Night Live, Howie Mandel, Rick Moranis, and a host of Hollywood writers. The boys from Montreal, Toronto, and Winnipeg have added a new dimension to the Borscht Belt with their melted northern antics. But for more serious comedy we can turn to the fiction of Mordecai Richler and Saul Bellow as a refuge from economic tribulations.

"Man's Life is Not a Business"

Moses Herzog writes an imaginary letter to the President of the United States. "Internal Revenue regulations will turn us into a nation of book-keepers. The life of every citizen is becoming a business. This, it seems to me, is one of the worst interpretations of the meaning of human life history has ever seen. Man's life is not a business." Bellow's business is irony: "mind your own business," he tells the bureaucrats because humanity and individuality must be exempt from the control of mere numbers. The Jewish ironist shops on Fifth Avenue for the latest style of clothing. "Then he said over his shoulder to the salesman that in the Old Country his family had worn black gabardines down to the ground." For his coat of many colours, Moses spends with restraint *and* artistic abandon, knowing that there is more than one layer to his complex character and Jewish history. "Slow business. Another small recession. Only Moses was spending today." Through comic relief Bellow spends his way out of the recession.

Not just the *shmateh* business but all professions come under Herzog's amusing scrutiny. Thus, his lawyer: "Simkin, sitting in his office, occupied a grand Sykes chair, beneath enormous rows of law books. A man is born to be orphaned, and to leave orphans after him, but a chair like that chair, if he can afford it, is a great comfort. Simkin was not so much sitting as lying in his seat." As his name implies, he strikes a certain kinship with Herzog, but there ends the similarity, for Moses reads highminded books of truth on small subway seats whereas the lawyer "lies" in his seat. A veritable throne, the Sykes chair belittles its occupant.

Bellow Foretells Effect of Automation on Employment

Another letter to the President: "I listened to your recent optimistic message on the radio and thought that in respect to taxes there was little to justify your optimism. The new legislation is highly discriminatory and many believe it will only aggravate unemployment problems by accelerating automation. This means that more adolescent gangs will dominate the underpoliced streets of big cities." Written exactly 30 years ago, Herzog's letter is no less true today.

Herzog comments on McSiggins' monograph, "The Ethical Ideas of the American Business Community": "Would have appreciated closer investigation of hypocrisy, public and private, in the American accounting system. Nothing to prevent the individual American from claiming as much merit as he likes... The honest look, recommended by Ben Franklin as a business asset, has a Calvinistic background." Bellow mixes business and philosophy as anyone else might mix business and pleasure.

For a different economic lesson we may turn to Richler's entrepreneurial Duddy Kravitz or to more mature comedy in *St. Urbain's Horseman*. Consider, for example, the accounting firm: "Oscar Hoffman considered the tangled and confused carton of accounts, receipts, and statements Jake had brought him," and Harry Stein, one of the perverted book-keepers, gathers these documents together. Shady and shadowy, Harry the accountant serves as a double for Jake Hersh, and both in turn are further linked to Jakes'; brother-in-law, Herky Soloway, a toilet fetishist. Indeed, one of the novel's comic angles examines characters' anal fixations and their relationship to money — high finance and low comedy.

Richler Mixes Anal and Banal

From the outset of the novel, Jake examines his rectum for signs of cancer. Later Richler includes a hilarious chapter about Jake's visit to this British lawyer's country estate where Jake upsets the delicate balance of the toilet's plumbing. Touring the toilets of Europe, Herky Soloway completes the triangle with Harry Stein and Jake Hersh. What Richler accomplishes in his mix of the anal and banal is to expose the stereotype of the obese Jewish accountant — broad-beamed and narrow-minded — whose figure and figures suffer from too much sitting. Like lawyers, doctors, and academics, Jewish accountants become the butt of Richler's and Bellow's humour. While these comic characters are immersed in the sewers of the *nouveaux riches*, their older and wiser writers transcend the hardships and constipations through a strong sense of irony and humour. Jewish comedy levels capitalistic excess by investigating corporeal process and the excremental vision.

It is of course possible to look back to the Bible for an earlier economic cycle of seven years of abundance followed by seven lean years. A recent advertising slogan, "Torah for Tycoons", demonstrates the absurd lengths the Jewish community will go to attract customers of Bible and business. I doubt that either the Reichmanns or the rabbis would sanction such a crass alliteration, for it smacks of the worship of the golden calf. Certainly Richler would have a field day satirizing oil barons poring over a tractate of the Talmud, applying the ethics of the fathers to sins visited upon their sons. Money talks, sometimes foolishly; smart money goes elsewhere.

According to Statistics Canada, the recession is now officially over. If you believe that report, follow the economists and the accountants; otherwise, study serious thinking and Jewish comedy instead, for there is more than a grain of truth in Canetti, Steiner, Bellow, and Richler.

POETRY

TERAH'S SON

Yes, we've heard much about him
now that he has settled down south.
One day here he brought three guests
home with him — somehow they suddenly
appeared, he said. Oh yes, I know
he still gathers people to himself.
Look at his retainers, I am told,
at the fields overrun with his sheep
and the loyal shepherds who followed him
and performed upon themselves
the bloody rite.
Me he abandoned
with our father. Stormed out,
left behind our idols and the broken
limbs of the gods he shattered.
About his own brother, the keeper
of clay, he is silent. He never
speaks of me, they tell me, never
so much as mentions my name.

He's been to Egypt; almost got
himself into dreadful trouble there
with my beautiful sister-in-law,
his wife that is. And then
that awful business with the handmaiden.
If he could turn his back on us,
he could throw out a son. And now
the second has been born, an old merchant
bore the news to us. Let him prosper
and have many more. Who knows,
our sons may yet meet in the future?
But with our different gods
it can never be good. I fear.
Never. We'll always be strangers
and my sons and their sons, how
will they speak of him —
him, whom the others revere —
who long ago stopped acting like a brother?

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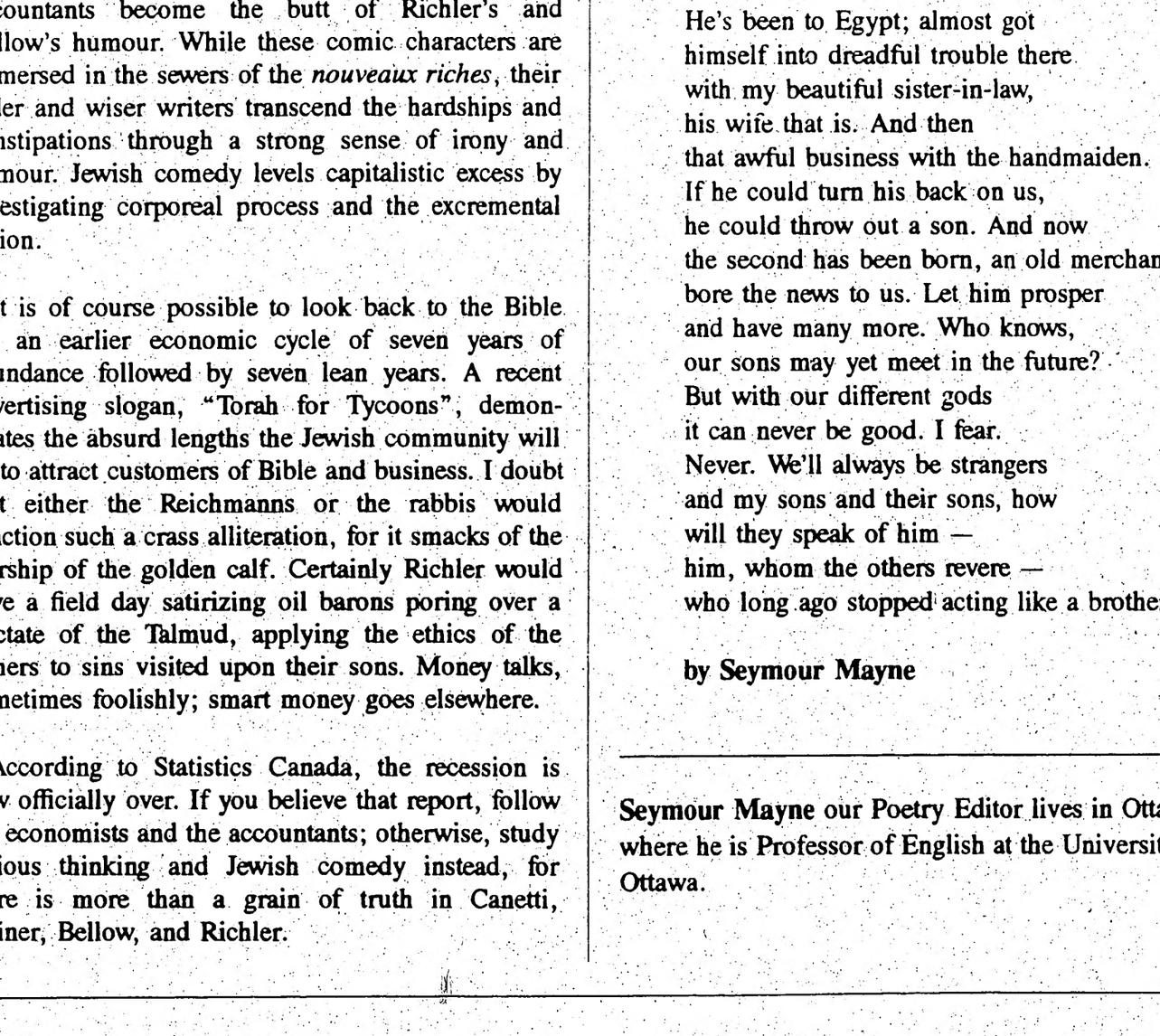

"SAYING GOODBYE" BY STEPHEN LACK, GALERIE DRESDNERE, TORONTO

Israel, Nuclear Weapons and the Middle East

by Dr. M.G. Leith

As a child, I recall being awakened in the middle of the night by the screams of my grandmother, when she would stay with us. Her sleep was tormented by the memory of the deaths of her family in the Holocaust that she had escaped. I remember looking at photographs of relatives, posed around tables in the far off shtetls of eastern Europe, who I was told perished at the hands of the Nazis. I sat for many hours in the back room porch of my grandparents home in Nova Scotia trying to fathom a world of such calamity so unlike my own.

The rippling effects of the Holocaust spread through time and space to touch the lives and sensibilities of all Jews. The Nazi Holocaust applied the then modern means of logistical organization and technology to reap death in unprecedented numbers. But genocide was not new to the world at that time and has continued since. The history of the human species is a history of ever greater magnitudes of death and destruction. The tales of armaments, battles and slaughter fill the books of every culture. Each people meets this horror with a resolve to never allow such an atrocity again. This resolve most often is sought by building a greater destructive capacity than that of present and future enemies. It is the solution of militarism. It is consuming the planet. Over $1 trillion a year drains the global economy. Nowhere do these weapons flow with a more deadly concentration than in the Middle East.

Ben-Gurion Built Israel's Nuclear Bomb

David Ben-Gurion's response to the Holocaust was two-fold. The first was the creation of the state of Israel, a Jewish homeland, so that the Jewish people would never again be vulnerable to the murderous intent of their host countries. The second was to build the weapon whose power dwarfs all others — the nuclear bomb. At the Dimona reactor in the Negev desert, Ben-Gurion began Israel's nuclear weapons programme three decades ago. Although no Israeli accepted as fact that Israel has at least 200 nuclear bombs. Ben-Gurion's choice for the programme is the code name "Samson Option", taken from the biblical story. Samson symbolizes the destruction of one's enemies in the face of one's own death. It is a tale in which all die together.

Nuclear Proliferation Almost Impossible to Control

History has shown that eventually hostile nations achieve parity in technological advances in weaponry. Despite the American attempts at secrecy after World War Two, Russia and China went on to develop their own nuclear arsenals during the Cold War. A similar pattern holds in the Middle East. The revelations coming out of Iraq since the Gulf War show that Iraq had an extensive procurement and research programme that was not deterred by the 1981 bombing of the Osirak research reactor. Concerns also centre on Iran whose nuclear weapons programme was begun under the Shah. Reports have indicated that Iran also has an active nuclear procurement and research programme, possibly in conjunction with Syria and has purchased ballistic missiles from North Korea and China. An Iranian vice-president in charge of legal and parliamentary affairs has stated that if Israel keeps its nuclear weapons, the Muslims should cooperate to make their own nuclear bomb.

It is impossible without extensive strengthening of arms control verification agreements to contain the proliferation of nuclear weapons. Secrecy, export controls and even pre-emptive strikes have not stemmed the tide. Without significant arms control development, it is conceivable that by the next century Israel will be facing the reality of nuclear weapons in the hands of neighbouring countries. This can only presage another holocaust waiting to happen. And it is a holocaust that will not just occur in the Middle East. As our experience from nuclear testing and Chernobyl have shown, radioactivity respects no borders. As we emerge from the dread of a U.S.-Russian nuclear exchange, we must continue to understand that there are no regional nuclear wars.

Where is Our Voice on Nuclear Control?

Albert Einstein claimed to be a citizen of the world. He understood that when it comes to nuclear war, we have no choice.

Thus the effects of a nuclear war in the Middle East would be horrific for the Jews of Israel and the Jews of the Diaspora. This is an issue of pressing implication and urgency to Canadian Jews.

There are burning questions in regard to arms control in the Middle East. Where is the voice of the Canadian Jewish community in regard to these questions?

In 1995 the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty is to be renewed after 25 years. Israel has not joined the other 153 signatories which now includes all of the declared nuclear powers. South Africa, which acceded to the treaty in 1991 as an undeclared nuclear power, announced March 24 that they will dismantle all of their nuclear bombs.

Should Israel join? What should Israel ask in return to ensure the treaty is truly effective? Can signing the Non-Proliferation Treaty be linked to ending and reversing the uncontrolled spiralling build-up of all weapons, conventional, biological, chemical as well as nuclear, in the Middle East? (The Arab countries have stated they will sign the recent world Chemical Weapons Convention if Israel signs the Non-Proliferation Treaty.) Should this opportunity be ceased now before the other countries in the region achieve nuclear weapons parity?

The questions require informed and thoughtful discussion here in Canada as well as Israel. We all have a stake in their answers.

My own view is that Israel should not sign the Non-Proliferation Treaty as it now stands. The revelations coming out of Iraq have demonstrated its inadequacies. However if a number of conditions can be met including: 1) strengthening of the verification system by such measures such as complete and open access to surprise inspections anywhere, anytime; 2) tighter restraints on dual-use technology; 3) a comprehensive arms reduction programme for the entire Middle East; 4) a comprehensive test ban treaty; and 5) commitment to further and eventual nuclear disarmament by the nuclear powers, I think Israel should consider signing. The very act of consideration of signing might help promote the above goals at the level of the community.

When we see our reflections in the eyes of our children, do we stare at Samson, the destroyer, or can we still dare to hope for the face of Moses, the deliverer of laws?

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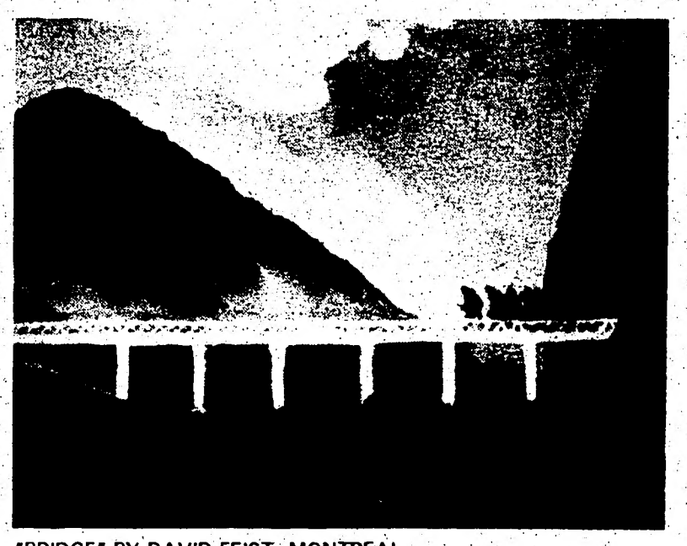
LETTERS

"A Letter to My Fellow Baby Boomers" (*Viewpoints*, Number 2, 1993) touched me deeply. As a Jew who studied and worked in Jerusalem for three years, I could not help but consider Aliyah on many occasions. And although I was born four years after the end of the Baby Boom, I share many of the same feelings expressed by Mr. Schaefer.

Now that I am living in Canada, I still consider Aliyah from time to time. Whenever I see articles that deal with this subject, I read them with an open mind, think, "go ahead and convince me." As compelling as Mr. Schaefer's reasoning is, however, he does not succeed. He starts off by looking at the "macro," our long-term dreams and our place in history. Ultimately, he reveals we cannot fulfill ourselves in the North American context (or perhaps more specifically, Toronto). In Israel, "a harsh land," there is a purpose in life, a long-term goal that is slowly but surely being realized. Yes, Mr. Schaefer admits that daily life is filled with tension and the reality of war, manifesting themselves in "arguments, rudeness, shoving and yelling." The opportunity to take part in "the greatest event in the last two millennia," however, makes up for all that.

But what about the daily joys of life? I do not think that I speak only for myself when I say that these are necessary to survive. While idealistic thoughts of Jews fighting for survival in their own land can perhaps induce North Americans to move to Israel, such visions cannot make them stay. Finding a community in which you feel comfortable (which may consist largely of Canadian and American Jews on French Hill, a Jerusalem suburb), a school in which your children, who will grow up Israeli, are happy, and a job with an income that won't make you cry when you think about what you left behind, are aspects of Aliyah that transform it from an impossible dream into a pleasant reality. Living in a city that, with only half a million people and a ridiculously low crime rate, is more cosmopolitan than Toronto, can make the thought even more appealing. Sunshine every single day for six months of the year and the beach an hour's drive from anywhere — while not ideologically relevant, these are things that make life livable.



"BRIDGE" BY DAVID FEIST, MONTREAL

When I think about Aliyah, I think about "fulfilling a dream," about being among other Jews, about conversing in an ancient language that I learned to speak fluently in ulpan (intensive Hebrew course), about actually *being* in Jerusalem next year not just saying it. But I also think about waiting for the bus to work in the warm April sunshine, and the chance to spend Shabbat on the white sand beach in Caesaria with an ancient Roman aqueduct behind me.

Zionism in its pure form is only a starting point. Living is important too.

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I have serious doubts about the conclusions Michael Greenstein has reached in his last article on Canadian Jewish writing. I think he's too bogged down in the established literary figures and misses the renewal and promise of the younger Jewish writers like Shel Krakofsky, Ken and Joe Sherman, yours truly and others. It's time to stop the maudlin jeremiads presaging the end of our Jewish-Canadian literary tradition. It's not over until it's over, a smart catcher once said. And Michael's calling the end half-way through the ball-game.

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